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Grade inflation minor concern at Hamilton

By Gabriel Meyer '96
NEWS EDITOR

This article is the first of a two part series.

Grade inflation has risen in recent decades to become among the most daunting problems to confront colleges and universities nationwide. This systematic elevation, which raises grades from traditional C's for average work, has become a serious concern among school administrators everywhere.

Though few institutions have been able to completely escape grade inflation's effects, some have been more susceptible to it than others. At some colleges today, grades in the A range constitute nearly half of all grades recorded, while at other schools more immune to grade inflation, grades in the low B and high C range continue to predominate.

While the issue has been periodically discussed at Hamilton, where few believe it is a serious problem, it has seldom been called to the attention of the entire College community as it was at the one hundred eighty second Convocation two weeks ago.

Tobin speaks on issue

President Eugene Tobin, in his address to the community entitled "The Hunger for Memory," called on students and faculty to fight against the onset of grade inflation.

"I believe in the importance of rewarding academic distinction," he stated. "Grade inflation is a virus that has infected this country; it is a corrosive disease that rewards mediocrity and denigrates merit. The College will not die of grade inflation, but something is lost in the land of the universal B — and I think it is intellectual honesty. I believe we have the capacity and the determination to take a stance against the cor-

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PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HEDGES '96
A dedication ceremony will be held for the newly installed bronze map next month.

McEwen and Commons equal in popularity

By Molly Soule '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

It's 12:00 PM, you're hungry and meeting friends for lunch. The inevitable question arises: Commons or McEwen? Across campus, opinions vary concerning the quality, selection and ambiance of the two dining halls.

Both Commons and McEwen have their respective advantages and disadvantages. Many variables factor into the decision of where to eat for lunch. Location, convenience and distance are the greatest determinants.

In addition, many students base their decisions according to their friends' schedules. Tim Fox '96 states, "I usually eat in Commons because my friends go there. So, the single most determining factor is where my friends are, so I choose to eat in Commons." However, Fox beleives that the food quality in McEwen is slightly superior to Commons. "There is more of a selection, and McEwen is a brighter, roomier place."

Christie Reed '97 enjoys alternating between the two dining halls. Reed feels that McEwen and Commons both have their own benefits. "Because of the openess of Commons, it's a fun place to people watch. In McEwen the atmosphere is more pleasant-- kind of like a restaurant. The atmosphere in McEwen also makes the food seem better."

Norm Gospill, director of Hallmark Dining Services, states that Commons and McEwen are roughly the same in popularity. Gospill explains, "The number of students eating in the dining halls is pretty close but never exact. One week, Commons is a little busier, the next week, McEwen." Gospill feels that McEwen's largest advantage is added space. "McEwen is roomier than Commons, easier to get around, and not as congested."

Besides ambiance and internal structure, another difference between the two dining halls is food selec-

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Writing Center relocates to former faculty lounge in Kirner-Johnson

By Emily Beth Merkin '96
NEWS STAFF WRITER

This fall, the Nesbitt-Johnston Writing Center was relocated to the second floor of Kirner-Johnson building, above the Registrar's Office. The Writing Center was moved to create space for the new Arthur Levitt Public Policy Center which is set to open later this year.

This summer, three offices and a faculty lounge were converted into the new Writing Center. The services offered will remain unchanged in the new facility. The Center still focuses on strengthening student writing skills through their tutoring program and the available word-processing facilities.

There are positive and negative aspects to the change in location of the Center. As a result of the move, the Center has one computer fewer than it had last year. Yet one advantage to the new location is its accessibility and central location in the building. The center is now easier to find, and this will hopefully further the utilization of the facility by a greater variety of students. There are currently 23 tutors available for writing conferences. It should be noted, however, that paper writing has priority at the computers over other types of work, such as data analysis.

PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HEDGES '96
Students work on computers in the relocated Writing Center.

Kristen Eignor '95 has been a writing tutor at both locations, and says, "I think they did a good job in keeping it an open space. We're more visible here, which is a positive thing." One student noted that it was easier to find but "there still is not enough room for writing conferences. I expected that with the move there would be enough room for conferences away from the clatter of the computers and printers." Another student was wondering when the Center was going to make E-Mail available.

Despite the mixed feelings about the new location, the Center continues to offer a valuable service. Amelia Shevenell '95 said her conference "was informative and helpful. My tutor was able to give me a lot of excellent ideas about my paper and

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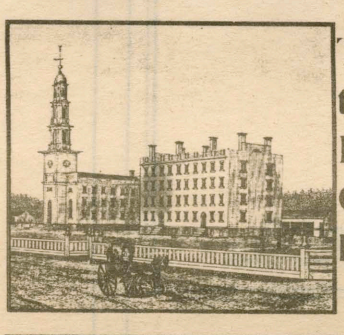

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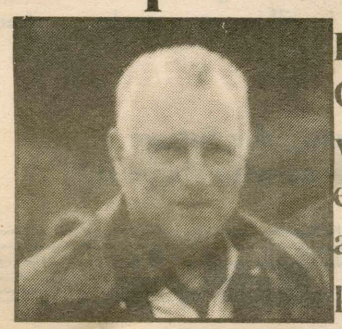

Hamilton Soccer Coach Manfred von Schiller enters 35th year as coach. See page 20.

Matson-Santora named Program Coordinator of Student Activities

By Eric Martin '97
NEWS EDITOR

This year there is an addition to the staff responsible for providing social events on campus. Stephanie Matson-Santora, who obtained a Masters Degree in College Student Development and Counseling at Northeastern University in Boston, is now the Program Coordinator of Student Activities.

Dealing with social life on a college campus is not new to her. Previously at Northeastern, Matson-Santora was involved with a committee that dealt with the Greek life system and the Programs Board.

Her main objective here at Hamilton is to "restructure the activities board so students' social needs are met." Members of the new Campus Activities Board (CAB), formerly the Programs Board, hope to broaden the varieties of social events on campus.

In addition to the traditional comedians and music bands hired by the CAB, the Board hopes to have a more diverse array of music and other entertainment. One proposed idea is to hold a casino night in the Events Barn. "The focus of CAB this year is to have programs that appeal to every student—for everyone to find some type of entertainment that they like," commented Matson-Santora.

Matson-Santora stresses the importance of the members of CAB working together to reach decisions, find solutions, and make compromises. "Being involved in a group like CAB will be a valuable life experience," she said.

She hopes to work on leadership skills, start panel discussions, and to improve life skills such as public relations. She will offer her help and advice when it is warranted but insists that the students must work together to decide what kind of entertainment to have and how the budget spending plan should be structured.

Some of the events that CAB sponsors are the Acoustic Coffeehouses and comedians. The Board is currently planning the entertainment for the upcoming Autumnfest and for the Winterfest and Springfest later in the year.

If anyone is interested in voicing their opinion about Hamilton's social climate, there are open CAB meetings every Wednesday night at 7pm in the basement of the Bristol Campus Center. For further information call Stephanie Matson-Santora 859-4516.

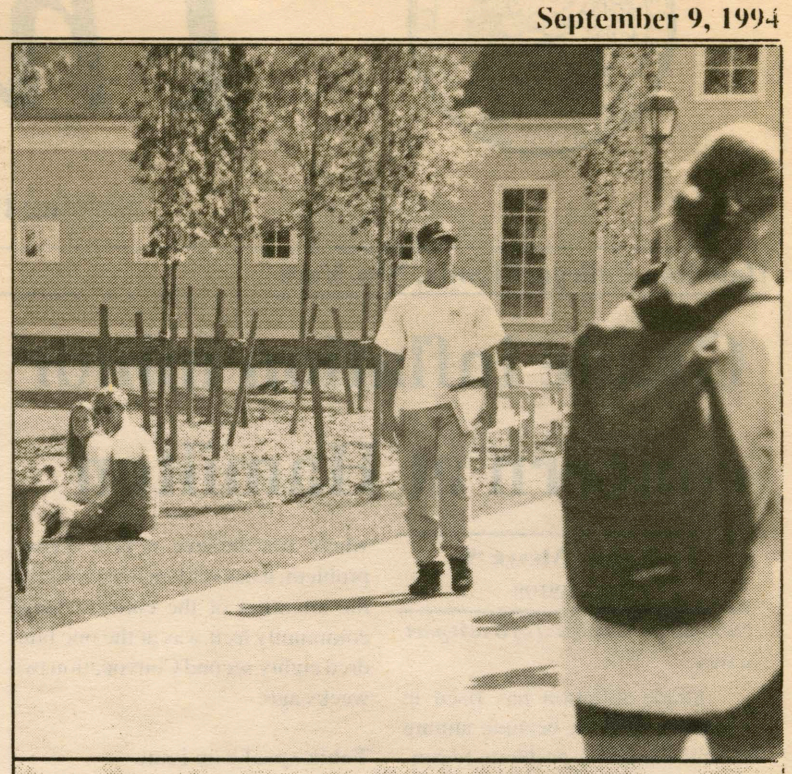

PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HEDGES '96
Students enjoy the weather of the late summer.

Relocated Writing Center opens

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was able to see flaws in my writing I didn't recognize."

The Writing Center is open for word-processing Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 11:30PM, Friday from 9:00 AM to 9:30 PM, Saturday from 10:30 AM to 9:30 PM, and Sunday from 10:30 AM to 11:30 PM. Writing conferences are available Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM, Friday noon until 5:00 PM, Saturday 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, and Sunday from noon until 10:00 PM. Conferences are scheduled on the hour.

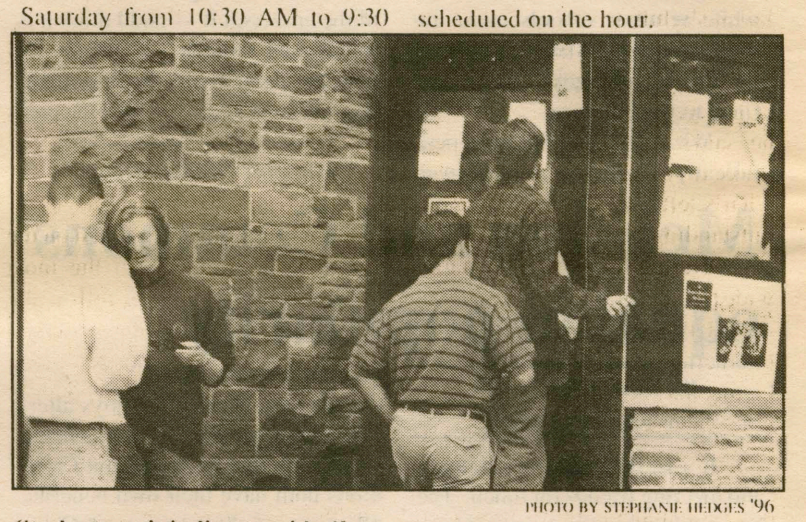

PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HEDGES '96
Students wait in line outside Commons.

Commons vs. McEwen: Is there a difference?

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tion. The recipes for the main dishes, however, are identical. However, Gospill explains that McEwen offers more vegetarian entrees than Commons. Commons provides a more expanded line of deli products and assorted meats. After only a few weeks on campus, Shane Miller '98 thinks that the food quality in Commons is poor. "It's pretty bad, they have too many fried foods, burgers and fries— it doesn't seem too healthy." Miller also states "the selection is too extreme, it's either burgers or tofu. The vegetables are awful, you have to force yourself to eat. Also, Commons is always so busy."

Although Commons and McEwen serve approximately the same amount of people during meals, Commons may seem busier because of the design. Norm Gospill agrees the arrrangement of Commons often causes overcrowded conditions. In response to this problem, an architect came to evaluate Commons. Last year, the achitect surveyed the design and overall lay-out of Commons to determine what would make Commons a more effective dining hall. However, if any renovations occur, they would not begin until a couple of years.

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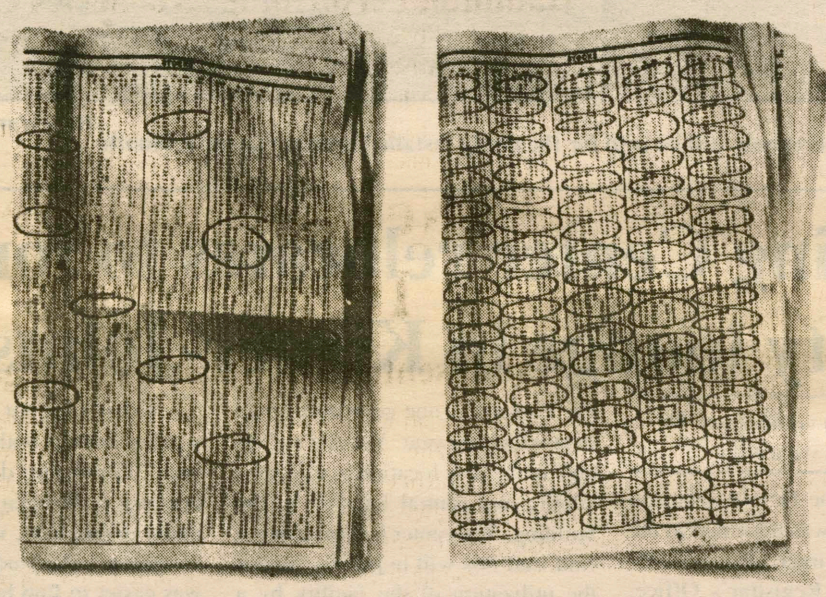

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Grade inflation at Hamilton: an over-inflated problem

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ruption of inflated grades, and I would like to see students and faculty face this issue with alacrity and honesty."

In a recent interview, Dean of Faculty G. Roberts Kolb commented, "It's no secret that the numbers of A's and B's as a total percentage of grades has risen significantly over the past twenty years."

According to the Office of the Registrar, grades in the A and B ranges have constituted slightly more than three quarters of all grades given at Hamilton since 1980. The figures for most comparable institutions do not vary considerably.

Nevertheless, the percentages of both A's and B's given at Hamilton have declined slightly since the late 1980's when the numbers of those grades reached their highest levels. During the 1988/89 school year, 31.3 percent of all Hamilton grades were in the A range. By last year, the number of grades in the A range had fallen slightly to 29.9 percent.

Still, Kolb expressed concern about the percentages of high grades. "Clearly, C's are no longer average," he said. "If all grades are compressed at the top of the spectrum, what's left for us to recognize truly outstanding performance?"

Offering reasons for the nationwide trend of grade inflation, he suggested that the changing forms of interactions between students and faculty may be playing a role. "There is a greater sense of shared enterprise today than under the old image of the teacher on the mountaintop speaking down to students in a valley," said Kolb.

He noted that this more traditional form of student/teacher interaction was more conducive to rigorous grading standards. Today, he said, some faculty members view grading as an impediment to the learning process. Another factor contributing to grade inflation, he said, is the increased emphasis on papers and other forms of work that cannot be graded in the same objective manner as a test.

Kolb said that while it would be difficult for Hamilton to "buck the system" and institute a more rigorous grading system, there could be great benefits in doing so. Hamilton could be perceived as a very challenging shool which would draw increased notice from graduate schools.

Kolb noted that although most students' grades at Hamilton would decline if a more rigorous grading system were instituted, class ranks would remain unchanged.

Situation in-check

Despite the concern over grade inflation, Hamilton appears to have the situation in-check, said Registrar Jennifer Potter Hayes. "Hamilton faculty have kept the lid on grade inflation," she stated.

In an annual report produced by the registrar at Franklin and Marshall College of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 16 small colleges including Hamilton are ranked on the grades they assign. In the most recent report Hamilton fell in the middle. Amherst College ranked first in the percentage of A's given while Haverford ranked second.

Colgate University ranked second in the percentage of D's given while Pomona College ranked first. While assigning a high percentage of B's, Williams College placed last in the number of A's given.

At Hamilton, during the last year, the percentage of B's assigned has decreased by several percentage points while the number of C's and D's increased. Hayes attributed this in part to the removal of a grade distribution chart from the faculty handbook given to all professors. The chart had shown grade distributions at Hamilton for the past ten years. Some new faculty members, suggested Hayes, might be inclined to use a stricter grading scale if they are uncertain of the typical grade distribution.

Dispelling a common belief that some faculty grade leniently in an effort to receive favorable student evaluations, Hayes said that the Committee on Appointments which is responsible for faculty re-appointments and tenure cases, takes into account both student evaluations and grade distributions in the evaluation process.

Some faculty members have expressed their belief that a correlation exists between the grades they assign and the student evaluations they receive, but Hayes stated that this has never been proven.

G.P.A.'s at Hamilton

The mean grade point average at Hamilton varies by class from a typical 83.5 percent for first-years to 85 percent for seniors. G.P.A.'s typically increase by class year as students spend more time studying in their areas of concentration.

Hayes noted that there has been some discussion recently on the issue of graduation honors. One proposal being evaluated calls for using G.P.A. cut-off points to determine honors rather than class rank which is currently used. If such a policy were to be imposed, it would not take effect until graduation of the Class of 1999 at the earliest.

At the present time, students graduating summa cum laude generally have G.P.A.'s of at least 92 percent. Students graduating magna cum laude have G.P.A.'s averaging at least 90 percent while those graduating cum laude typically have G.P.A.'s no lower than 88.5 percent.

Next week: The Hamilton administration's plans to ward off future grade inflation.

Student Assembly Corner

By Rusty Smith '95
S.A. Correspondent

The Student Assembly had its first regular meeting this last Monday in the Assembly Room in the basement of the Bristol Campus Center. Assembly President McLloyd Onwubere '95 opened the meeting with a welcome to new and veteran upperclassmen members. First-year assembly elections will not take place until next week.

The main goal of the meeting was to verify and re-assign committee assignments. These committees include the Election Committee, the Funding Committee, the Trustee Committee, and the Public Relations Committee. A new committee was also formed to evaluate and propose changes to the Hamilton College Student Constitution.

The document, located in the "On the Hill" handbooks, has not been significantly revised since the merger of Kirkland College into Hamilton.

The Student Assembly Treasurer, Jason Andris '96, reported that the Assembly ran into the red by only $72 dollars for the 1993-94 fiscal year. The minor overspending on a budget originally valued at $140,000, was a result of the significant overspending of the Campus Activities Board. The Assembly will again this year receive $140,000 to distribute to the numerous campus organizations recognized by the assembly.

Questions and comments are welcome and may be addressed to Assembly President McLloyd Onwubere, Vice President Bill Russell, Senior Class President Tracee Plowell, Junior Class President Kelly Overton, or Sophomore Class President Andrew Edelson. The next meeting of the Central Council is scheduled for Monday, September 12th.

Weather

Saturday: mostly sunny, high upper 60's, low 45
Sunday: fair, high mid 70's, low 50

News Briefs

Estate of Hamilton alumnist establishes scholarship

A bequest from the estate of John H. Behr '34 recently established a scholarship to benefit Hamilton. Preference for the award will be given to graduates of the A Better Chance (ABC) program in Clinton.

Behr spent more than 40 years in the office products field after receiving his bachelor's degree from Hamilton in 1934. A plan recognizing his generosity was unveiled during a ceremony at the ABC house on Campus Road in Clinton on September 9.

Founded in 1963 and based in Boston, ABC recruits academically motivated minority students for placement in outstanding public and independent high schools. The program in Clinton is only one of twenty-three based at a public high school. More than 150 other ABC programs are based at independent schools across the nation.

Oratorio Society to begin rehearsals

The Hamilton College and Community Oratorio Society, a non-auditioned group of area singers, will hold its first rehearsal on Sunday, September 11 at 7 PM on the Wellin Hall Stage.

Those interested in joining the society are asked to arrive between 6 and 7 PM to register and purchase music. Works to be performed at the society's November 29 concert include Bruckner's and Verdi's renditions of "Ave Maria," Verdi's "Stabat Mater," and Bruckner's "Mass No. 1 in D minor." Russi

Hamilton Performing Arts Series Commences

Russian-style American bluegrass will open the five-concert Hamilton Performing Arts Series on Friday, September 9, at 8 pm in Schambach Auditorium. Admission for the concert is $13 for the general public and $4 for students. Tickets for all five concerts in the Hamilton Performing Arts Series can be obtained for $36 and $10, respectively.

News from other Ivory Towers

Galati sentenced in death of Colgate student

Brian Galati was sentenced on July 21, 1994 to one to three years in a state prison after pleading guilty to criminally negligent homicide in the stabbing death of Colgate University junior Kyndle O. Mongeon. Mongeon died of a single stab wound to the buttocks he incurred during a brawl at Galati's Morrisville, NY apartment.

Because he was a juvenile at the time of the incident, Galati will be released from prison without a criminal record. He stated that he is, "deeply sorry for the pain of the Mongeon family," and that he "never meant to cause [their] suffering."(Colgate Maroon News)

Colgate faces large incoming class

The Class of 1998 at Colgate University is an unusually large 860 students, more than 10 percent larger than the normal 740 students most freshman classes have contained in the past. Though Colgate accepted two percent fewer students this year compared to last, the number of students accepting the school's offer of admission increased by 5.5 percent this year.

The large class size forced Colgate to build a temporary dormitory in order to house 80 student from the freshman class. The dorm called Gatehouse was built on what was once a parking lot. Additional faculty members were also hired in order to ease the teaching burden created by the large class. (Colgate Maroon News)

Jitney begins this Sunday!!!

Jitney Schedule for the Fall Semester:

Sunday - 12 pm to 9 pm (Last run leaves at 8:30)
Mon. & Tues. - 4 pm to 9 pm (Last run leaves at 8:30)
Wed., Th., & Fri. - 12 pm to 2 am (Last run leaves at 1:30)
Saturday - 12 pm to 2 am (Last run leaves at 1:30)

* The Jitney drives to Sangertown Mall only on Weekends (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday) and the only campus stop is the south side of Dunham near the Security Office.

Remember, the Jitney is not a taxi-cab service. Please do not expect the drivers to make exceptions from the schedule and try to be at the stops at the designated times.

Fun times ahead

By Kara Hrubi '96
Special to Features

FLAVORS is brand new on Hamilton's campus and it's intent is to provide a great place to hang-out on campus. There are numerous attractions to it with music being just one. Dance parties in the past have either gone really well or bombed depending on whether people like the music or not. FLAVORS tries to overcome this by having people bring their own musicfor listening or dancing. Just read the FLAVORS flyer, "Hear the music YOU want. Bring 1 CD/ Tape (or more). . . and the DJ will play it."

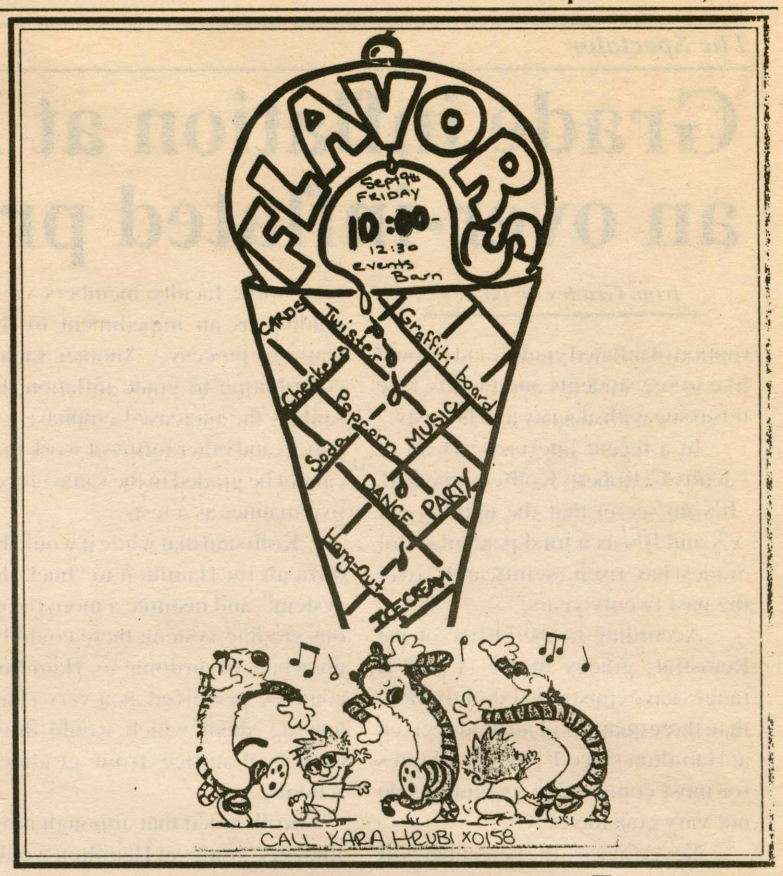
Another attraction to FLAVORS is its food. Not only will popcorn be at all tables to snack on while you chit-chat with your friends, but FLAVORS is proud to announce that it will be serving central New York's finest ice cream....UNCLE GENE'S ICE CREAM. For those of you who have not yet been fortunate enough to try this incredible ice cream, you are in for a treat!!! The first FLAVORS (Friday, Sept. 9) will be serving vanilla, chocolate and strawberry, but in the future there will be different feature flavors chosen by you.

Games will be set-up as well. You can play cards, Uno, Yatzee, checkers, or Twister just to name a few. A "graffiti board" is there for you to doodle and your finished product will glow on this board for everyone to see.

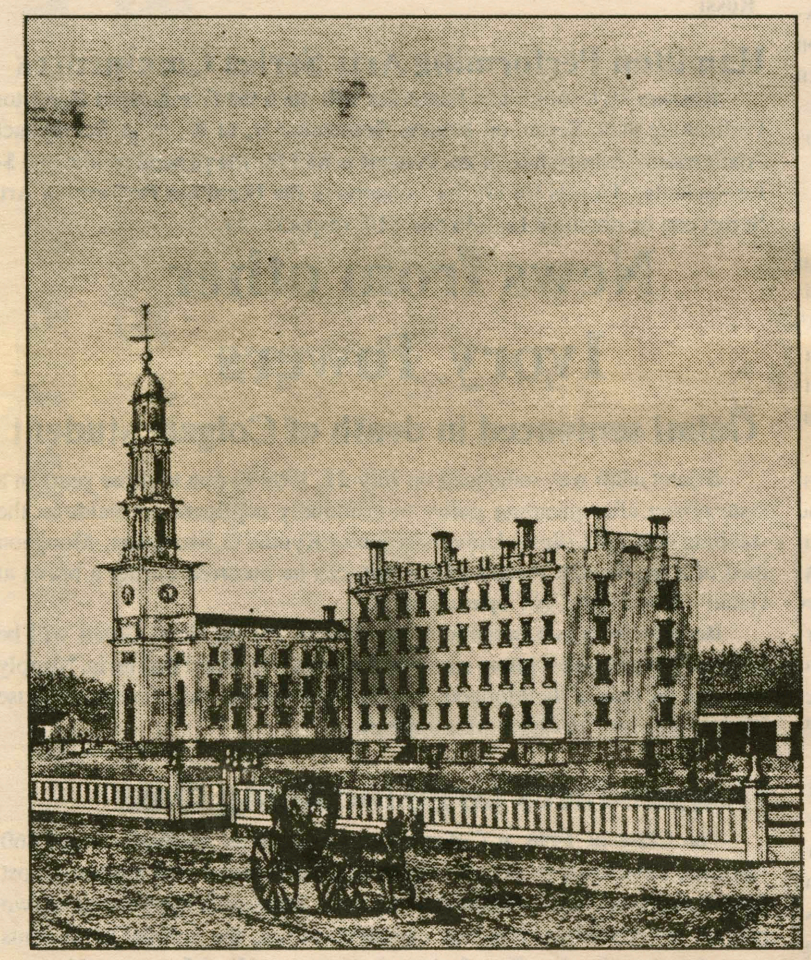
Most importantly though, FLAVORS is about bringing people together. In accomplishing this goal, we are hoping to have FLAVORS every couple of weeks so that you can hang-out, dance, have fun, and party with your friends and maybe even make some new ones.

The first FLAVORS was held during Orientation for the first-years. The event was a huge hit. The night started at 10:30 and it was packed until 1:00 although it was supposed to end much sooner. Kara Hrubi, the creator of FLAVORS, was thrilled to see such a great turnout with the first-years (O.Cs and R.A.s) and remarked, "I hope that FLAVORS is as much of a success with the upperclassmen."

The first FLAVORS for the entire campus will be held Friday, September 9th from 10:00 to 12:30 in the Bienecke Events Barn. If you have any comments, questions, or would like to help-out in the future (D.J.s are always needed) please contact Kara Hrubi at x0158.



Hamilton students stroll down memory lane



By Bill Ferguson '95
Special to Features

Have you ever wondered what it must have been like to be a student on the Hill 150 years ago? Where was the library before Burke was built? What has the third floor of the chapel ever been used for? Why did fraternities appear on the Hill?

Beginning on Sunday, September 11, I will be offering a weekly historical journey into Hamilton's long and exciting past. For 200 years now, the Hill has witnessed countless generations of students trudging its paths. We are the latest in a long line of students who have lived and studied here, enjoying the Hill's almost mystic beauty in the spring and summer and braving its harshest elements in the winters.

Against this constant natural background though, much has changed about Hamilton since its beginnings. Student life has developed drastically from its original primitive conditions, methods of education have progressed to keep up with a changing world on the Hill, and the campus has grown from two buildings and a couple of taverns to the interesting variety of architecture that can be found today.

I first became interested in Hamilton's history for a couple of reasons. First, I love old buildings, and even as a prospective I was fascinated by the number of them that dominate Hamilton's campus. I wanted to know, for example, what stories the Chapel had to tell; as the focal point of the Hill, what had it seen of College life since it was built in 1827? I was also curious about the history of North,my dorm my first year. For example, why did it take 20 years to build? Second, I was fascinated that Hamilton College and its predecessor, the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, had connections with the local Oneida County history of Revolutionary times. Particularly as a local resident, I was interested in learning about how the founding of the Academy and of Hamilton tied in with the Revolution's aftermath, the settlement of New York, and the attempts to accommodate the ethnical diversity in those days.

I like history for two reasons. First, I think that it's important to know about our past, for example our past as a college, in order to have some good understanding of where we are in the present. Knowing more about the history of some aspects of Hamilton, such as fraternities, would shed light and perspective on current issues of concern to our community. Second, I enjoy history to help satisfy my own selfish curiosity. For example, what's the story behind the strange looking stone column with the pointy metal thing on top, sitting between the library and North?

As I begin my journey into Hamilton's past this semester, I will try to provide a taste and feel for what the College was probably like generations of students ago. I will encourage people to ask questions, and to try to imagine the past. If you want to know more about the College that we all share with each other and with two hundred years of folks like us, then stop by the Chapel on any Sunday at 2:00. After snow begins to fall I will conduct tours by appointment and I can be reached at x1341.

FYI: Don't leave friends to "sleep it off"

By Diann Lynch
R.N.C.C.H.N.

How familiar is this scenario? You're out partying with friends most of the evening when it becomes obvious that one of your friends is seriously smashed. He's having big problems with simple things like walking and talking and to make matters worse, he starts throwing up. This is putting a bit of a damper on your evening so, with some difficulty, you manage to get him back to his room where he passes out cold on his bed. You feel comfortable leaving him there alone to "sleep it off" because you turned him on his side. Everyone knows you always turn drunk people on their side. As you walk out the door you joke about what a wicked hang–over he's going to have when he wakes up.

The tragic truth of this scenario is that he'll be lucky if he wakes up at all. Death or near death events from acute alcohol intoxication occur on campuses nationwide. We are fortunate that we have not yet had a death due to alcohol overdose on this campus but over the past few years, we have had a few individuals that came very close.

Acute alcohol intoxication is usually a result of drinking a large quantity of alcohol over a short period of time. It is not uncommon for a student to consume ten to fifteen drinks over a two hour period when participating in one of the many drinking games that are popular on college campuses. The human body can only metabolize about one drink (2 oz. of alcohol) per hour. Ten to fifteen drinks in two hours can raise the blood alcohol level (BAL) as high as 0.3 or 0.4. A BAL of 0.1 is considered legally drunk. A BAL of 0.4 is lethal to 50% of the adult population.

As alcohol enters the stomach it is readily absorbed into the bloodstream. Food will slow down the rate of absorption, but will not prevent absorption. Once in the bloodstream, it can cross almost all cell membranes affecting nearly every part of the body. The most serious effect of high levels of alcohol is central nervous system depression. A BAL of 0.3 to 0.4 can cause loss of cough and gag reflex leading to aspiration of secretions and vomit. This will cause aspiration pneumonia or more seriously, suffocation. Severe central nervous system depression will cause respiratory arrest and death.

It is often hard to determine how much a student has been drinking and over what period of time. If you find a friend that is unresponsive, incoherent or unable to walk, don't leave them alone. The most responsible thing to do is call the Hamilton College EMT's and let them assess the situation. They will determine whether or not the student needs to go to the hospital for further evaluation. Having someone sit and watch a person who is extremely intoxicated is risky business. They can deteriorate very rapidly and what began as a babysitting job quickly turns into a true emergency that you may not be able to handle.

If you find a friend who you feel may be dangerously intoxicated, be responsible. The loss of a few hours of partying may mean saving your friend's life.

EMT CLASS ON CAMPUS SPRING SEMESTER

For more information call Diann Lynch at the Health Center X4155
8:30 to 4:30

Features

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Man that boy can really EAT!

By Doc Monroe '95
Restaurant Critic
with
Ben Becker'95 and Kim Cullen '95

Mohawk Station Restaurant and
Cocktail Lounge
95 East Main Street
Mohawk, NY
(315) 866-7460

You know, sometimes you just want a change of scenery. Sometimes you think it'll be worth the 45 minute drive to get to a place just so you can have something different. Sometimes you think that if you could just get away everything will be great, no matter what the food tastes like. Sometimes you're wrong.

Mohawk Station is just off exit 30 on the thruway. The drive is about 45 minutes. More people get killed on the highway every year than in airplane crashes. Don't risk it. If you want a change of scenery, fly to NYC.

The restaurant is inside a restored railroad station—not that you could tell except for the cutsie-wootsie little sign that tells you that you're sitting in the caboose section. Kids are running around screaming at the top of their lungs. You have a pretty well-rounded American fare menu to choose from. When you do order, you realize that your waiter is assigned to 50 other tables, and you're wondering how he can possibly get your order right. He doesn't.

The one saving grace of this restaurant was that the salad bar was enormous. They bake their own cinnamon raisin bread, and it's great. The food was pretty decent. We started off with the Scallops Coquille which is served in a cheese and white wine sauce. The mixture balanced the cheese and wine with just a hint of each, allowing a good part of the flavor of the scallops to come through. I went on to the generous 16 ounce prime rib which was thick, juicy, and just a little tough. Ben had the Chicken with Lemon and Pepper Sauce which was on the Lite Fare menu. I'm not sure how anyone can actually enjoy lite fare, but Ben is light weight, so maybe that explains it. Kim partook of the Broiled Haddock with Butter and Bread Crumbs. She said that the fish was decent, although a little on the bland side. All in all, everyone seemed to agree that the food was nothing to write about.

I think that the downfall of the Mohawk Station is that it tries to do too many things at once. When you try to mix pasta from Italy, steak with lobster from America, seafood from the Hudson Bay, and lite fare from Dietland, you start to confuse customers, and possibly yourself. And, on top of all that, you've gotta jack the prices to about $10 per dinner to cover the losses that you're not selling but still have to keep fresh.

I'm not saying the restaurant was a total fluke. But for a 45 minute drive?—Nah, don't bother. So, here come the ratings. This was pretty easy to gauge.

Food * * *
Ambience * * *
Service * *
Value * *

Grading Scale

Food
* I'll never eat again due to nightmares (or recurring gas.)
* * This could actually drive me to lose weight.
* * * Eh.
* * * * Man, that was a good meal.
* * * * * Just call me Heavy D.

Ambiance
* The toilets have not ever been cleaned.
* * You know, if that chair hadn't been pinching my . . .
* * * Eh.
* * * * That was a pretty nice place.
* * * * * I could read War and Peace there.

Service
* What service?
* * Uh, waiter?
* * * Eh.
* * * * That waiter was really friendly.
* * * * * Is 50% enough?

Value
* Thief! Thief!
* * My wallet is feeling rather light.
* * * Eh.
* * * * That was a good deal.
* * * * * Did you forget to charge me for the food?

Wanted: Pen pals

News Release

Each week hundreds of letters arrive in Waseca, Minnesota from all over the world! Men and women are writing to Robert Mishek, founder of International Pen Pals, asking him to help them find a Pen Pal here in the USA!

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In response to these requests, International Pen Pals has just completed two unique directories with hundreds of these names. Each name includes age, sex and complete mailing address. Every address is current since the directory has been compiled from mail received in the last few weeks. The directories have been compiled by age groups. Directory No. 1 includes the names and addresses of women and men between 20 and 54 years of age. Directory No. 2 includes the names and addresses of men and women between 55 and 90 years of age.

Both International Directories are available today...to any adult here in the USA who would like to be a Pen Pal with someone in another country. Owners of the International Pen Pal Directory are free to write to as many Pen Pals as they wish and from any countries included in the directory!

Now, Robert Mishek is looking for adults here in the USA who will write letters to answer the mail that continues to flood his Waseca mail box. It's easy to do by using the new directories he has compiled.

To receive FREE DETAILS on the International Pen Pal Directories, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to:

Robert Mishek, International Pen Pals, RR 3 Box 220, Waseca,Minnesota 56093

Features Editor's note: *We sincerely apologize for neglecting to credit Nick Malafis for his contribution to Doc Monroe's September 2 restaurant review. We regret the omission.*

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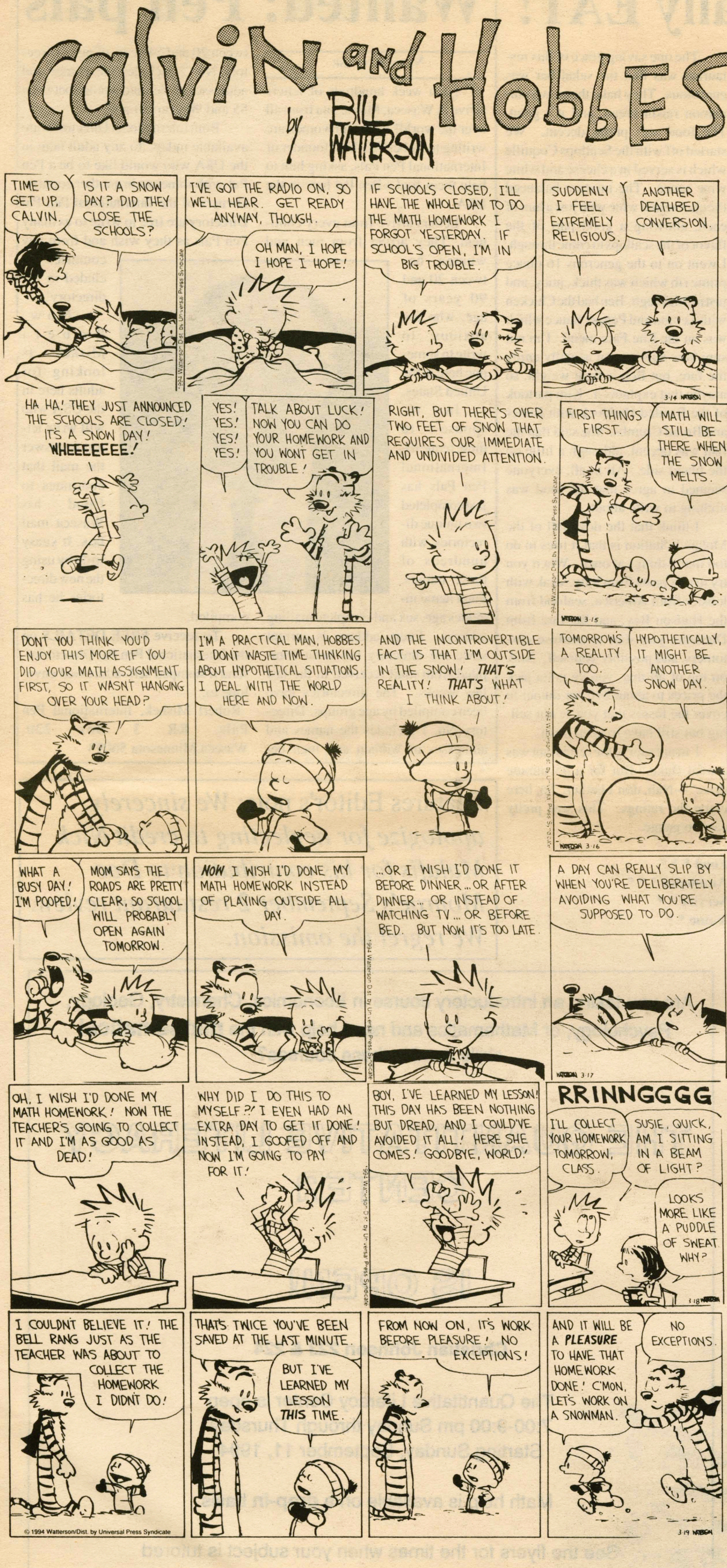
Calvin and Hobbes
by Bill Watterson
TIME TO GET UP, CALVIN.
IS IT A SNOW DAY? DID THEY CLOSE THE SCHOOLS?
I'VE GOT THE RADIO ON, SO WE'LL HEAR. GET READY ANYWAY, THOUGH.
OH MAN, I HOPE I HOPE I HOPE!
IF SCHOOL'S CLOSED, I'LL HAVE THE WHOLE DAY TO DO THE MATH HOMEWORK I FORGOT YESTERDAY. IF SCHOOL'S OPEN, I'M IN BIG TROUBLE.
SUDDENLY I FEEL EXTREMELY RELIGIOUS.
ANOTHER DEATHBED CONVERSION.
HA HA! THEY JUST ANNOUNCED THE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED! IT'S A SNOW DAY! WHEEEEEEE!
YES! YES! YES! YES!
TALK ABOUT LUCK! NOW YOU CAN DO YOUR HOMEWORK AND YOU WON'T GET IN TROUBLE!
RIGHT, BUT THERE'S OVER TWO FEET OF SNOW THAT REQUIRES OUR IMMEDIATE AND UNDIVIDED ATTENTION.
FIRST THINGS FIRST.
MATH WILL STILL BE THERE WHEN THE SNOW MELTS.
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'D ENJOY THIS MORE IF YOU DID YOUR MATH ASSIGNMENT FIRST, SO IT WASN'T HANGING OVER YOUR HEAD?
I'M A PRACTICAL MAN, HOBBES. I DON'T WASTE TIME THINKING ABOUT HYPOTHETICAL SITUATIONS. I DEAL WITH THE WORLD HERE AND NOW.
AND THE INCONTROVERTIBLE FACT IS THAT I'M OUTSIDE IN THE SNOW! THAT'S REALITY! THAT'S WHAT I THINK ABOUT!
TOMORROW'S A REALITY TOO.
HYPOTHETICALLY, IT MIGHT BE ANOTHER SNOW DAY.
WHAT A BUSY DAY! I'M POOPED!
MOM SAYS THE ROADS ARE PRETTY CLEAR, SO SCHOOL WILL PROBABLY OPEN AGAIN TOMORROW.
NOW I WISH I'D DONE MY MATH HOMEWORK INSTEAD OF PLAYING OUTSIDE ALL DAY.
...OR I WISH I'D DONE IT BEFORE DINNER... OR AFTER DINNER... OR INSTEAD OF WATCHING TV... OR BEFORE BED. BUT NOW IT'S TOO LATE.
A DAY CAN REALLY SLIP BY WHEN YOU'RE DELIBERATELY AVOIDING WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO.
OH, I WISH I'D DONE MY MATH HOMEWORK! NOW THE TEACHER'S GOING TO COLLECT IT AND I'M AS GOOD AS DEAD!
WHY DID I DO THIS TO MYSELF?! I EVEN HAD AN EXTRA DAY TO GET IT DONE! INSTEAD, I GOOFED OFF AND NOW I'M GOING TO PAY FOR IT!
BOY, I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON! THIS DAY HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT DREAD, AND I COULD'VE AVOIDED IT ALL! HERE SHE COMES! GOODBYE, WORLD!
RRINNGGGG
I'LL COLLECT YOUR HOMEWORK TOMORROW, CLASS.
SUSIE, QUICK, AM I SITTING IN A BEAM OF LIGHT?
LOOKS MORE LIKE A PUDDLE OF SWEAT. WHY?
I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT! THE BELL RANG JUST AS THE TEACHER WAS ABOUT TO COLLECT THE HOMEWORK I DIDN'T DO!
THAT'S TWICE YOU'VE BEEN SAVED AT THE LAST MINUTE.
BUT I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON THIS TIME.
FROM NOW ON, IT'S WORK BEFORE PLEASURE! NO EXCEPTIONS!
AND IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO HAVE THAT HOMEWORK DONE! C'MON, LET'S WORK ON A SNOWMAN.
NO EXCEPTIONS.
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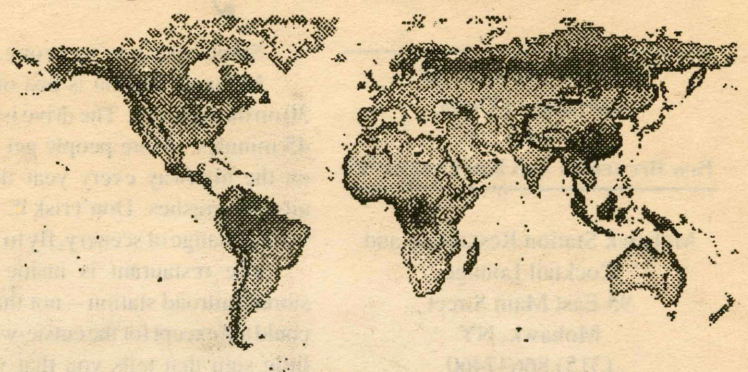

compiled by Marty Reichgott '95

"Gabe only calls me when I'm naked."
-Adeline Cook '95 commenting on Gabe Meyer's '96 amazing sixth sense.

"Calls you what?"
-Jim D'Aleo '95 in mock surprise/concern.

"Yeah, but I think it takes more than a week to adjust!"
- An anonymous baked sophomore commenting on the return to school.

"Just let me check the printing and put some underwear on."
-Gabe Meyer '96 really getting into his paper writing.

"Personally, I don't have the legs for an evening gown."
-Kevin Swaluk '95 hoping that the pantsuit look is in this Fall.

"The only thing he's signed is the bathroom wall in Dunham."
-Dave Arkema '98 commenting on how his roommate has yet to officially matriculate into the college.

"I love presents. Everyone should give me a present!"
-Barb Josey '98 declaring that the world owes her a little more than a pat on the back.

"[Texas] Tech's mascot, a black quarter horse named Double T, died Saturday when its saddle and rider fell off and it ran into a concrete wall during the third quarter. The pregame ceremony Thursday will include a moment of silence."
-Quoted from August 8th edition of the USA Today.

This week's special section: *The Pete Latvis '95 Two-for-One Sale*

"I have five letters for you: N-A-K-E-D!"
-Pete responding when asked if he had any ideas for dorm programs.

"What's she wearing then?"
-Mr. Deductive Reasoning himself wondering out loud after Vanda Mikova '98 announced that she was wearing her grandmother's nightgown.

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SA Platforms

The Spectator September 9, 1994

Elections will be held on Wednesday, September 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the mail center

Class of '95 Treasurer

Cathy Anderson

"The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it."

-Elbert G. Hubbard

Over the past three years, I've been a part of the Student Assembly that has brought about many changes which had previously not been considered possible. As we move into senior year I'd like to help insure that we continue this trend of transforming "impossibilities" into realities. I will work hard to make not just senior week, but also all of senior year one to be remembered forever. Please elect **Cathy Anderson**.

Honor Court

Boughty Canton

Because our honor is at stake, I believe that every student must be guaranteed the right to a fair and unbiased Honor Court process. One can only be assumed honorable until proven othrerwise.

My experience on the Court ('92-'93) has only solidified my beliefs. I helped design and implemnet an honor code in my high-school, and I understand the dangers and fears they present. My intent is to play devils advocate and assure that the Court considers its actions.

Honor and integrity are all important; a person therefore, is due respect and an open mind.

Class of '96 J-Board

Christopher Gelvin

Hello, my name is Christopher Gelvin and I would like to be re-elected as the class of '96 Judicial Board Representative. By serving on the board for the 1993-1994 school year I feel that I have become familiar with both the Hamilton Constituion and the Judicial Board process. I was very dedicated to the Board over the past year and this dedication will continue if reelected. Also, my decisions will remain fair and just, and will try to benefit both the school and its students. I would appreciate you support and your vote.

Jason Lizio

My name is Jason Lizio and I want to represent you on the J-Board. I know that I will be able to be fair and treat all members of the Hamilton community with equal respect and objectivity. The J- board carries a serious responsibility and I know, as well as those who know me know, that I am fully capable of shouldering this responsibility. This campus needs people who can represent the desires of the student body when dealing with those who choose to disrupt the Hamilton community and disrespect the rest of those who choose to coexist with

Gavin Mlinar

My name is Gavin Mlinar, '96, and I am running for the J-Board because I grew frustrated with the injustices brought to my attention last year. Pertinent examples include first-years given 3.5 years social probation for alcohol policy violations. Other students were given 1 year social probation for using profanity at hockey games. If I were elected as J-Board representative, my main goal would be to mandate that the punishment fit the crime. Everyone wants to have an enjoyable 4 years of college. Why then is such draconian treatment by the J-Board necessary?

Class of '97 Honor Court

Kevin Bishop

Hi, I'm **Kevin Bishop** and I would like to be your Honor Court representative. I'm not here to bore you with regurgitated ideas and promises, but I do feel that the Honor Code should continue to be upheld. As an Honor Court representative I expect to keep it a *fair* and *efficient* system in which no person or situation will be prematurely judged. It is a court system and it shall be carried out as one. Thank you.

Scott Kocher

The role of an Honor Court Representative is "to uphold Hamilton standards of academic honesty and to insure protection of students' rights in questions of alleged violations of the Honor Code." I, Scott Kocher, promise to follow through on this requirement for such an important position. I will be as objective and impartial as possible on the Honor Court, and I will observe Hamilton's Honor Code to its fullest intent. If you believe virtue and integrity are essential qualities for this position, please vote Scott Kocher for Class of 1997 Honor Court Representative.

Joanne Legler

My platform as a candidate for the position of Class of '97 Honor Court Representative is simple. The Honor Code is one of Hamilton's most vital elements. As an Honor Court Representative, I will make sure that it remains that way. As a prospective law student and a dedicated Hamiltonian, the Honor Code is something that I take very seriously. So should you. Vote Joanne Legler as your Class of '97 Honor Court Representative.

Shean Sheehan

I, Sean Sheehan, want to represent the Class of 1997 on the Honor Court. I am confident in my ability to be fair-minded, practical, compassionate and understanding towards the needs of Hamilton students, specifically our class. I will do my best to uphold the Honor Code and protect the rights of students. I ask for your trust and support in striving to make Hamilton the best it can be. Please exercise your right to vote and vote for me as an Honor Court Representative for the Class of 1997. Thank You.

Chris Toomey

My dear student body, I am Chris Toomey and I want to be your Honor Court rep. I plan on doing a fine job for my class and my school. Some of you may not know who I am, but if you have any questions I'll be wearing a white Williams hat. I don't want to take up too much of your time, so thank you and please "rock the vote".

Class of '98 President

Simi Ravven

I'm Simi Ravven, and I'm running for President of the class of 1998. I attended high school at The Cambridge School in Weston, Massachusetts. I co-ran a community action, and support/talk group for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students. I was student representative to the Board of Trustees. There are two parts to a student's role in School Government. First, to directly relate the views of the student body and to secondly to see the larger needs of the Institution. Because I grew up in Clinton and at Hamilton, I feel I can take both views into perspective.

Tom Fusonie

If I become President I would install a four point plan

1) I would become a bridge between the students and t administration.

2) I would help to get the students more involved in policy making

3) I would defend the rights of students against any attempts by the administration to be dictorial or overbearing.

4) I would help establish a better relationship between the student body and the administration.

If elected I will do best to provide strong leadership and be a vehicle for my fellow freshmen to vent their concerns.

Jamie Harris

Hello, my name is Jamie Harris. Im running for the position of our Class President. In my opinion our President should be open minded and extroversive. He/she must devote his/her time to the needs of us, individually and as a whole. He/she must be able to voice our opinions clearly and correcting those issues we find important. He/she must be organized, fair, and dedicated, after all we will put all of our trust in he/she. I truly believe that I embody all these traits and I will do an excellent job for us.

James Eisenberg

I believe that the single most important function of any class official is to provide strong, consistent representation of the ideas and concerns of the Class. therefore feal that it would be imperative that I, if elected, not succumb to the temptation of allowing my own beliefs to be presented in forum.

I also believe that the time has come for students to take a more active role in the governing of their institution. Specifically in the realm of legislation which directly affect them. Thank-you for your time.

Dawn Remich

I asked upperclassmen all over campus what the Student Assembly does, and none of them could answer me. The Student Assembly is there to server the people that they are representing. If the people do not know what the Student Assembly is doing, then the Student Assembly is not doing its job. I want to change that. I want the Student Assembly to actively participate in your life at Hamilton. As president of the class of 1998 I am committed to achieving our goals, so that in four years we will all have the answer.

Chris Masotto

I'm Chris Masotto; people call me Chris Masotto. Although you may know me better as Chris Masotto, I am most commonly referred to as.....Chris Masotto. Nonetheless, I am indeed Chris Masotto and I'm running for President of the Class of 1998. As you probably know little more than my name, Chris Masotto, I'd like to tell you about myself. In my former school, I was on Student Council from grades 6-12, graduating as President. Now, I hope to combine my past success with the evident potential of the Class of 1998 to work together in achieving our goals.

Catherine Fraim

As a Freshmen at Hamilton, I'm particularly concerned with our representation and enjoyment throughout the next four years. Such topics as Residential life, club perticipation, fund raising, and many other issues need serious attention. As President, I'll work with the administration, faculty and students to achieve certain goals, namely, improving living conditions in older dorms, and campus life. Since I've only attended Hamilton for twoca weeks, I will keep listenting to the class' changing needs. Having been a leader in student government for six years, I feel I have the experience necessary to work towards these goals. Thanks, Catherine Fraim

Ben Mintz

Due to limited space, I'll list a few points here and post my complete platform around campus. I come to Hamilton with experience having served as president of many organizations. I'll improve safety through better lighting and more visible safety phones. Furthermore, we'll rent change and vending machines which will work as a source of revenue for our class. I will also keep you informed through a newsletter as well as raise money and spirit through class activities similar to last year's assassination game. Finally, I haven't joined any extracurricular activities this far, so our class has all my time.

Anne Prenner

If yall havent already met me , my name is Anne Prenner and I live in North 204. Im the loud, short red head who often voices her opinion, as well as hosts disco parties. Like the rest of the first years I have not been at Hamilton long enough to find fault with the school. Hopefully we as a class wont, but when the inevitable happens I believe we will need somebody approachable, who is willing to take on the administration with the issues that affect us- I am indeed this person. I have had much leadership experience in the

Representative

Michael Reilly

I'm Michael Reilly and I'm running for class representative for the Class of 98'. Because I'm new to the Hill, I don't have a platform yet. However, in the upcoming months I'm sure change and reform of school policy will be necessary. As your representative, I will be accessible around campus at any hour for your suggestions. From this relationship, I will try to implement policy that we want and deem as beneficial to the class. From the past, I will draw on my experiences as an Eagle Scout and a leader in government and environmental organizations for our future.

Laurel Bookman

...So he took one of Poohs front paws and Rabbit took hold of Christopher Robin, and all Rabbits friends and relations took hold of Rabbit, and they all pulled together...

Winnie-the-Pooh

There arent too many Pooh bears stuck in Rabbit holes, but many people are faced with problems that they dont know how to resolve. As your representative I will welcome all opinions and through my involvement communicate them to people who can make a change. Our class is Winnie-the-Pooh, and Im willing to make the big tug.

Jacob Stetser

The class of 1998 must discover its common concerns before it can make any large step; otherwise we would be a mass without meaning, a crowd without cause. Previously having served as Maine state president and Northeast Regional Membership Director in the National Junior Classical League, and having served for four years in Student Council, I, along with my colleagues, worked at mobilizing large groups of people, searching out and defining a purpose, a dream, for which they could dedicate their energies. I would like to help this class find a common cause and represent you with fairness and integrity.

Jackie Ceurvels

I'm Jackie Ceurvels, running for class representative of the class of 1998. I represented my class in high school for four years and I accomplished a lot. I'd like to do the same here at Hamilton. I am interested in hearing your ideas as well as my own. I'd like to organize activities that will bring Hamilton's community closer together, I am also interested in organizing activities that include the communities around us through volunteer work. I had a great time representing my high school and I look forward to four years of the same and much more at

Attitudes

The Spectator September 9, 1994

United States is right in refusing to accept Cuban refugees

Castro, that dingy old dog has arisen once again to stick that thorn in our side. Some of the late breaking headlines for Guantanamo Bay's new and thriving population: the United States and Cuba have broken off United Nation's negotiations over the current refugee crisis started in early August when Fidel said to Cuba "Hey babe, take a walk on the wild side!" In effect, Castro's humanitarian decision to allow extra unwanted bodies (who were to busy being burdensome to his oh-so-successful economy) a free float to the U.S. forced President Clinton into a quandary. Faced with a massive and unwanted influx of refugees he was forced to reconsider traditional policy. Lo and behold on the 18th day of August in the year of our Lord 1994, William Clinton made ONE good policy decision, he decided to discontinue the automatic acceptance of Cuban refugees. Bravo big guy, what a save.

This decision to halt unrestricted Cuban immigration is an intelligent one. Let us take a step backward and remember what Cuba means to the United States. After the overthrow of Batista in 1959, one Fidel Castro took power to "improve" the lives of Cubans and promptly declared himself a Marxist and a communist. Hmmmm, well it could have been worse, he could have welcomed the Soviets into his home. Guess what.... he did! In response President Eisenhower, citing a threat to American security, enacted an economic embargo against Cuba. It was with the failure of the Bay of Pigs Invasion and the Cuban Missile Crisis that Americans really began to hate Castro, after all who else could have pulled off the mighty job of blowing away JFK. We have continued to maintain the embargo in an attempt to bring the Cuban people greater prosperity and a liberal democracy. The old cliche right? Actually, the truth. Those who debate this issue often forget that Castro is the head of a totalitarian dictatorship, a type of system that encourages and uses barbaric and brutal methods to control its victims. Cuba is also a communist country, perhaps modified, but still communist. Hey...we all know the fruits of communism, if it worked for Ethiopia it can work for you. Furthermore Castro the man and leader is personally corrupt and has done nothing but ruin Cuba economically. Yes he is charismatic, in that weird beardy sort of way, and he has brought great medical and educational reforms to Cuba, but at what cost?! So the embargo aims at convincing Cuba that they can and must do without Castro and his style of oppression. It is justified.

What of the immigrants then? We cannot accept a flood of immigrants from anywhere, much less Cuba, because it would not be fair to them or to us. We have not the means to provide and aid all those seeking economic refuge in our land, that is just a statement of fact. We also do not want them, let us be truthful. In this time of cut-throat economic competition an influx of cheap labor and an added tax burden will not have people dancing in the streets. Even the Miami Cuban-American community feels a bit of antagonism toward the possible hordes. Newsweek quotes Carol Falla as saying: "Why do we even care? Why is Castro our problem? ...I just don't think they should come to Miami." If these refugees were fleeing for political reasons there might be a difference, but their economy (the personal brainchild of furry Fidel) makes them run and automatically they run to us. Many critics say open the flood gates. Why us? Where are all the other volunteers rushing to the moral forefront? Once again, where are all of Cuba's Latin American cousins who understand their plight and sympathize with the American imperialism they have suffered? Cuba is a member of the OAS, yet the only other member to have received any Cuban refugees so far has been Panama, who according to the New York Times, has accepted a whopping 399. The United States Naval Facility at Guantanamo Bay alone already has 24, 543 Cubans with another 1,567 on their way ,in addition to 14,222 Haitians. Haitians and now Cubans at this rate the Navy may be able to develop a monopoly on rum and cigars! It is not our job to care for all of the world's problems, especially when the solution lies in the fact that they can be cured at home.

That then is the true reason to prevent the Cuban exodus. Cubans will not solve their problem by fleeing to the United States. They will solve it by changing the unjust situation they face at home. Does this mean civil war, or open revolt? Not necessarily, Castro would probably go without a fight. Yet that impetus must originate at home, not abroad, for it to mean anything.

So let us stamp these personal care packages from Castro with 'Return to Sender, Not Enough Postage'. It is but a short hike from Guantanamo Bay to Havana in relation to Havana to Miami. Let us not give in to pressure to receive the refugees, and let them take up their own struggle. In the end it will prove to have been more useful. Besides Castro would have made a better ball player, "and now stepping up to the plate for the last time, for the Hairy Havaners, here's Philandering Fidel Castro..."

Sasha Kasanof

Student Assembly Platforms

Hamilton.

Brian Berger

If elected as a freshman class representative I will vigorously and whole-heartedly fight for you and your interests. The typical class Rep. is a political whore — bending to please the administration. I will stand up for what is right and good instead of giving in to every whim of the powers that be. Hamilton college needs tough student leaders. I promise you that the day will never come when the administration uses me as a cheap throw rug.
Thank you for reading this little platform . GOD bless you, and have a nice day.

Betsy Katcher

You've won $25,000 on "Jeopardy." Alex hands you your check. Foaming at the mouth, you envision your new Miata. Unfortunately, your parents say, " One year tuition payed."Understanding it must go towards college, you wish you'd some say as to where your winnings went. What can we do to make this type of feeling disappear? Elect someone who'll voice your opinion. I'm Betsy Katcher. I'm not afraid to voice my beliefs. Want something changed? I'll make it known. I'm organized. I'll get the job done. Make it happen. Don't put **your** future in "jeopardy." VOTE Betsy Katcher: Class '98 Rep.

Ali Hilaly

As one of five class representatives, I will represent our class to the best of my ability. I have the necessary drive and capability to achieve such goals as bringing the two sides of campus together. As a Dunhamite, I know how left out the dark side of campus can be when it comes to social activities. Furthermore, facilities such as the pool tables in Dunham need to be made accessible to all. Having entertainment in dorm lounges should make them more usable and more sociable places. I will always be available and open to more suggestions, Thanks, Ali Hilaly

Honor Court

Marie Follayttar

Community is the essence of Hamilton. It is based on a fundamental principle; integrity. We live in a relatively free environment. We have a plethora of options for every decision we make. Therefore, we may make the wrong decision and not even know it. My community is my class, my dorm, my roommates, and my school. As I meet more people, I care more and more about my classmates welfare. I want to know what is right and wrong so I can protect my classmates. I would be honored to defend your rights through membership in the honor court.

Treasurer

Brian Gallagher

As candidate for this position, I would like to express my reasons for running. First, it is imperative that we begin our college career with a strong foundation, built by a strong leadership and a sense of community. Second, I would adhere to any pertinent matters from any member of the class. As treasurer of my class two years in a row and vice-president of both my senior class and student council, my experience demonstrates that I am able to hold this position.

Red Weather Fans

The Spring 1994 issues of Red Weather, Hamilton College's Literary Magazine, is now available in the following select locations:

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EDITORIAL

Heed the mistakes of the past in Senior Gift

With their class barbecue on Thursday night, the senior class marked the beginning of a long year of fund-raising. All year, the Class of 1995 will be looking to fund their Senior Week festivities and their class gift. For many, this will take a lot of time and energy. For others, it is just a matter of signing their name and pledging to give a dollar to the cause. No matter how much they may exert themselves, every senior must keep this thought in the back of their mind: this senior gift cannot be as bad as the previous years.

Let's look back at some of the recent gifts. The Class of '91, wanting to help the school with their electrical bills, gave the school a windmill. Currently, this windmill is standing in the middle of Babbitt Field, motionless. It is providing power to no one; it has become no more than a curiosity.

The Class of '93 wanted to help a good portion of society. Their gift was to donate money to make the campus handicapped-accessible. This is a goal to which no one should have any problem. It would have meant a lot more if Hamilton was not in the process of fulfilling this goal per state law. Regardless of the good intentions of either the school or that particular senior class, it still looks pretty bad.

And of course, there was last year's debacle of a senior gift: the bronze map that would never be. The senior, or at least part of them, decided to give the school a bronze relief map of the campus that had already been bought. When other portions of the class woke up, they decided that the bronze map was not the best of ideas. A re-vote gave the school a new scholarship, but we got the map anyway.

The moral of this story is that these gifts must be thought out. The Class of '95 should give a creative gift to the school, but at least be practical. No one wants to see more useless junk or questionable intentions lying around the school. We want to see something that may actually be used and thought well of.

Editor's Note: In response to last week's editorial, The Spectator *has been informed that students are able to buy bottled beverages with their meal cards. The perceived change in policy was actually a miscommunication within Hallmark.*

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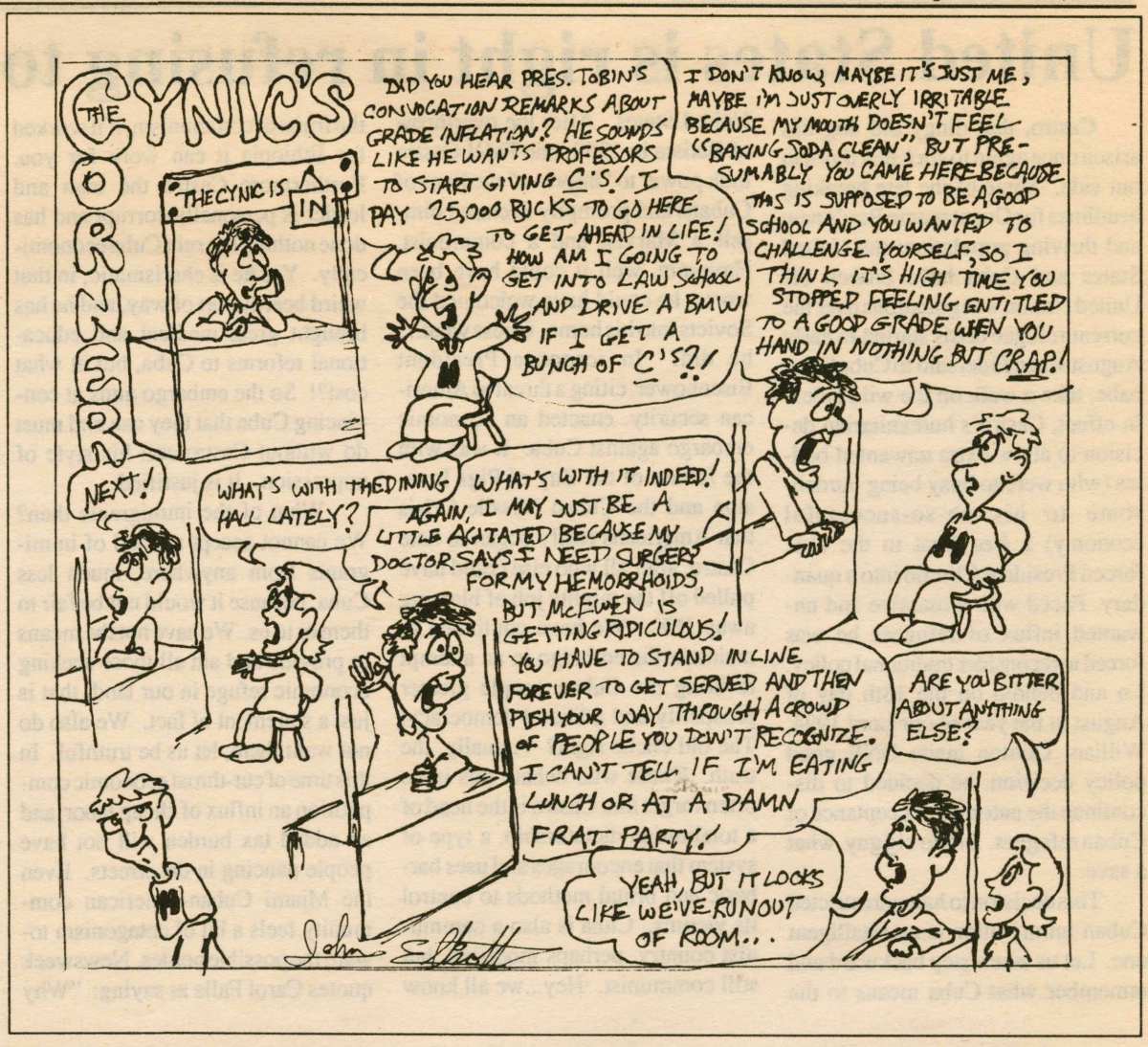
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I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE IT'S JUST ME, MAYBE I'M JUST OVERLY IRRITABLE BECAUSE MY MOUTH DOESN'T FEEL "BAKING SODA CLEAN", BUT PRESUMABLY YOU CAME HERE BECAUSE THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A GOOD SCHOOL AND YOU WANTED TO CHALLENGE YOURSELF, SO I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME YOU STOPPED FEELING ENTITLED TO A GOOD GRADE WHEN YOU HAND IN NOTHING BUT CRAP!
NEXT!
WHAT'S WITH THE DINING HALL LATELY?
WHAT'S WITH IT INDEED! AGAIN, I MAY JUST BE A LITTLE AGITATED BECAUSE MY DOCTOR SAYS I NEED SURGERY FOR MY HEMORRHOIDS, BUT MCEWEN IS GETTING RIDICULOUS! YOU HAVE TO STAND IN LINE FOREVER TO GET SERVED AND THEN PUSH YOUR WAY THROUGH A CROWD OF PEOPLE YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE. I CAN'T TELL IF I'M EATING LUNCH OR AT A DAMN FRAT PARTY!
ARE YOU BITTER ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE?
YEAH, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE RUN OUT OF ROOM...
John Elliott

Hamilton student reminisces on DC experience

To The Editor:

Last Semester, three other Hamilton students and I, attended the American University's Washington Semester Program. The program consists of classes three days a week, and a two days a week internship. I was aware that Hamilton would not award any credit for the internship, but I wanted to go to Washington, so I decided it would be worth it to make up for the lost credit in the summer.

After the program got underway and I began my internship, I realized how irrational Hamilton's policy is. In addition to working two full days a week in the largest Merrill Lynch office outside of New York City, I was required to write three papers describing the responsibilities of my internship and how it related to our class work. My classmates from schools such as Duke, Emery, Colgate, and even Yale, were all receiving credit for internships comparable to mine. This prompted me to write a letter to Dean Hopkins explaining the situation. I enclosed a copy of my internship class syllabus, describing what was required of us and how the internships were monitored. I received a reply thanking me for my letter, but regrettably informing me to consult my College Catalogue where it simply states that Hamilton does not award academic credit for internships.

Upon further investigation, I realized that this was not entirely true. In fact, the Hamilton Semester-in-Washington Program awards, not only credit, but transfers grades, for internships. I wanted only one course credit for all my time. Instead I was forced to enroll in a five week, elementary level Sociology course at The University of New Hampshire for which I had relatively no trouble receiving my one course credit.

Obviously, the College recognizes that internships are valuable experiences, otherwise it would not sponsor it's own internship program. It appears as if the College is afraid students will take advantage of these credits, because they feel it is too difficult to monitor which internships are worthy of credit. However, Students should at least be able to present the work they have done to the proper department heads.

As I stated, every other school that sent students into the American University's program, awarded academic credit for the internships. Do Hamilton's administrators know something that all these schools don't. I would like to believe so, but I'm afraid that this is just a case of Hamilton not trusting it's students.

United States Cuban policies are antiquated

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political and economic system in Cuba would be to lift the embargo. This would stimulate the economy and create much needed jobs. As a consequence, the Cubans who are desperately trying to escape their current misery would not have to search elsewhere; they would have the ability to start taking control of their economic and social destiny. Of course, because the U.S. is intent on ousting Castro, their blindness will not allow them to lift the embargo. Consequently, Cubans will suffer and suffer and suffer, whether it is in Cuba, Guantanamo Bay, or as recent immigrants to a country that increasingly is hostile to immigrants. Ian Williams comments in The Nation, that the embargo will "hasten the introduction of democratic reforms in Cuba that will preserve the educational, health, social and cultural achievements of the country." So, forget the rhetoric. Write to your congressman about lifting the embargo and, as Che Guevara says, hasta la victoria siempre!

Larry McKiernan

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- Bob Grant, NBC radio

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President Clinton disappoints even those who voted for him

Public confidence erodes as Clinton increasingly fails to listen to the people

The Democratic Party is like a mule- without pride of ancestry or hope of posterity.

- Ignatius Donnelly

I have begun doing something new in my column this semester. I will begin each column with a quote. It may have something to do with the topic I write about that week or it may not. The quote is supposed to be entertaining, though, so enjoy it.

This week, however, I am going to discuss his slickness, Bill Clinton. Our president, it is fair to say, is more unpopular now than ever before. The reason for his unpopularity is very simple: although Clinton promised to give people what they wanted during the campaign, his actions since being elected absolutely contradict those promises. This has resulted in splendid success by those who oppose him and tragic results for those who align themselves with him. This lack of popularity has manifested itself in many areas, not the least of which is foreign policy.

According to a Wall Street Journal/ NBC News poll almost sixty percent of Americans disapprove of Clinton's handling of foreign policy, and only ten percent think the Democrats can do a better job than the Republicans. In terms of the economy, Bill Clinton and the Democrats get only slightly better marks: 22 percent think Democrats could do a better job in this area than their Republican party. In all areas of the country, the percentage of the people who say the country, under the leadership of Clinton, "is on the wrong track" hovers around 70 percent. Only 30 percent believe "trustworthy" is a good description of the President (who are these people? Where do they live, under a rock?). The people who believe he has strong leadership qualities comprise a meager 36 percent. Only 37 percent believe he is effective at getting things done, and a lackluster 30 percent believe he knows what he is doing. Given the country's incredible lack of faith and belief in the President, it is no wonder his own party is abandoning him.

Despite Democratic control of all three branches of government, 72 percent of the population believes "things are pretty much as they were before" Democrats controlled all three branches of government. In other words, people in his own party don't believe in what he is doing and regularly fail to support him and his policies. Nor do they see him as a benefit to their own campaign endeavors; Democrats have not won a single major election since he took office. Democratic National Committee political director Don Sweitzer said in the July 8th, '94 issue of the *Washington Times* that "There are clearly some areas of the country where it is not going to benefit a candidate to associate himself with Bill Clinton." Wyoming gubernatorial candidate Kathy Karpan, in *The Washington Post*, was a little more blunt: "I don't intend to ask President Clinton to come out here. Why be cute about it?" she said. "Of course he's a liability. " Perhaps, however, it was best summed up by Minnesota Rep. Collin Peterson discussing a Clinton endorsement. "It'd hurt me."

What is the reason for this dislike and disloyalty toward Clinton? It is simply this: he is forcing things on people that they don't want, and not giving them what they do want. Clinton has shown himself that, despite his "new Democrat" rhetoric, he is the same old "tax and spend" liberal democrat whom people have shown they dislike and oppose. Dick Armey has said "Today the average family now pays more in taxes than it spends on the basics of food, clothing, and shelter combined." With a loud, resounding voice, Americans have said that this is not what they want and have made vigilant attempts to reverse the Orwellian government control and confiscatory tax rates.

In Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Taxpayers Union put the successful State Question 640 on the ballot in March of 1992. Because of this bill, all tax increases must be put to a vote by the people of that state except under emergency situations, in which it will require three-quarters approval by the State Legislature. In California, a pivotal state in Bush's defeat, 58 percent of the people voted against a measure that would raise taxes on corporations and those with incomes in excess of $250,000 at the same time as cutting the sales tax by .25 percent. A similar measure was defeated in South Dakota. These states are not alone, either. Colorado, Missouri, Oregon, Arizona, Montana, Florida, California and Nevada soon will or already have similar measures, putting the decision of taxation up to the people, not power hungry bureaucrats. In the presidential election year, more than ten states will have anti-tax measures like those already passed in other states. "War is too important to be left to the generals" Clemenceau, the French Prime Minister once said. The American people are echoing this belief concerning taxes. It is too important an issue to be left to the demagogues trying to run our lives.

Hunter Chamberlin

Apple Pie

Besides the outrageous tax policies of the Clinton administration and its allies, there are other areas where the people's desires are being ignored by Clinton and his agenda. Despite his attempts at fear-mongering about health care, it still ranks third behind crime and the economy, areas people have said they don't believe Clinton is responsible enough to handle. California, which, once again, voted for Clinton in the election, turned down a government-run, Clinton-style health care plan by a margin of 68 percent to 32 percent.

Clinton's refusal to listen to the people and give them what they want will only help the Republican party in national and local elections . Major gains for the G.O.P. are predicted because they endeavor to give the people what they want.

Anti-heroes abound: Stone's new film forecasts bleak visions

The other night I joined some friends and went to Sangertown Square to see Oliver Stone's latest film, *Natural Born Killers*. Swamped in hype, the film promised to be interesting. It was, although not in the way I thought it would be. At first I was shocked and offended by it. I found the film repugnant, filled with ghastly superfluous violence. I walked out thinking that it was an exercise in excess, put together for the sole purpose of making a buck. Later that evening, I reflected on why the film bothered me so much. Before I can reveal my conclusions, I feel like I should give my reader a passing familiarity with the plot of *Natural Born Killers*. The story's protagonists, Mickey and Mallory, love killing people. They rip and slash their way across America leaving both destroyed victims and adoring fans in their wake. They become such a media sensation that a nationally syndicated television show, "American Maniacs", rises to the top of the Neilson ratings by repeatedly featuring their exploits.

Ben Berkman

The *Spectrum*

Although *Natural Born Killers* is not based on any bona fide evidence or people, it is full of realistic implications. What makes the film so downright terrifying is not the gore it contains, but the fact that it is a commercial success. The bottom line, as the film uncomfortably proves, is that we are a nation obsessed with violence. We are more entertained by humans doing harm to other humans than anything else. Take the Bobbitt trial for example. America is the only country in the world where there is a bright side to getting your penis chopped off. Indeed, things have never looked better for the sadistic John Wayne Bobbitt. Bobbitt, who was well on his way to spending a good amount of time in jail, (Bobbitt had already been brought up on charges of wife battering prior to the severing trial, and was showing no signs of stopping) has never seen better days. On New Years Eve, talk radio mogul Howard Stern was prepared to pay Bobbitt twenty-seven thousand dollars to expose his reconstructed penis on pay-per-view television. Bobbitt's appearance was so well received by the American public, he was able to launch a cross-country media tour in which he autographs Ginsu knives and plays "Stump the Bobbitt" with fans. It gets worse. Last month, Bobbitt was paid a reported 1.5 million to star in a pornographic film featuring his famous member.

What I find so disturbing about Bobbitt is that the avalanche of publicity that now surrounds him has made the American public blind to his crimes against women. There is nothing heroic about him. Unlike O.J. Simpson, who many have compared to a Shakespearian tragic hero, Bobbitt was never to be revered in the first place. The bizarre circumstances that led to Simpson's fall from grace this past summer are another illustration of our fascination with sordidness. In what will forever remain as proof that violence stands above all in entertainment, the N.B.A. finals were interrupted for almost an hour so that Tom Brokaw could inform us that O.J. was presently holding a gun to his head. What I found hardest to believe at that moment was not that O.J. might kill himself, but that the people I had been watching basketball with were more interested in him, than the game. About half of the people I lived with this summer had never even heard of O.J. until he was accused of the double murder of his ex-wife and her lover. Once again, a grim reminder that the easiest way to obtain fame in America is by being involved in some kind of atrocious violence. Whether Simpson is convicted or not, the public will never remember him for his feats on the field. The reason is depressing. In this country, we simply find it easier to start paying attention when someone screws up rather than when they succeed.

If one could plot on a graph, the amount of media coverage of violence next to everything else, the results would probably be equivalent. That is, violence gets no more air time or paper space than say sports or entertainment. But what will never appear in any chart is the effect that this coverage has on our country. Without question, readers and viewers seem to be more interested in violent news than any other. Every American knows about O.J. whereas relatively few have concerned themselves with that which is truly newsworthy. This is frightening. Unless we start caring more about accomplishment and less about debauchery, anti-heroes like Mickey and Mallory, and Bobbitt and O.J. will become our only heroes.

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President Clinton's foreign policy needs major revision

President Clinton's latest feeble and fickle foreign policy decision towards Cuba teaches the world one thing: regardless of political party, Americans will continue to stain their fingers with the blood of the poor and undernourished of the world. One can almost see Uncle Sam pointing his bloody finger at a starving Cuban child and blaming his laziness for not overthrowing Castro, as Sammy does everything in his hands to prevent that type of action. The United States' current policy to Cuba is archaic, inhuman, inconsiderate, and should be reevaluated immediately.

On August 18, President Clinton, with his customary integrity, announced that the United States would change their twenty eight year old policy of welcoming any Cuban refugee that escaped Castro's naughty communist regime. This was the same regime which, among other things, had guaranteed health care, education, and safer streets for Cubans, particularly in contrast to U.S. puppet Batista. Throughout his 35 year dictatorship, Cubans have overwhelmingly loved Castro. There were dissenters and many of them did actually make the journey across the ninety mile shark-infested waters between Cuba and Miami. Most Cubans, however, were proud of their new society and overjoyed by the rights Castro was creating. This type of popularity scared the U.S., especially since it showed that different models could be used to develop Latin American countries, countries which the U.S. had a historic policy of exploiting, enslaving, and immiserating. Consequently, the U.S. did everything in its power to undermine Castro's regime.

Current U.S. policies are relics of that time and of their irrational hatred of Castro. The effects of the U.S.-imposed embargo have increased as the U.S. has cajoled most countries into isolating Cuba and starving their poor. Castro has realized that isolation in the current world system means that the citizens of his country will suffer. Indeed, at the cost of being seen as a hypocrite, he has dollarized his economy, opened it up to tourism and foreign investment, and ambitiously encouraged other nations to invest. These policies are very similar to those other Latin American nations pursued. These countries were rewarded with Free Trade Agreements, increased loans, and foreign aid.. In Cuba's case, because it is Castro as reformer, the U.S. disregards the similarities. Indeed, they step up the pressure to starve more Cubans.

The best policy to reform the

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Cuban policy ignores its human cost

'Hola' introduces itself to the Hamilton Community

This is the fist of a series of columns to be written by the newly formed Hamilton on Latin America (HOLA) Although this column will be devoted to the opinions of HOLA members, it does not necesarily reflect the views of the organization as a whole.

More than three decades after its inception, Washington's Cuba policy has born its bitter fruit with a vengeance. Leaving homes and family behind, almost thirty thousand Cubans have fled their country to face of an extremely uncertain fate at sea. These refugees, expecting to be let into the United States as a reward for their perilous voyage, instead find themselves caged in make-shift camps. After decades of being promised free entry for defecting from

Chris Albro
Hola

their socialist homeland, they find themselves betrayed by an Administration which was scandolously unprepared for Castro to call its bluff.

Clinton's response to Castro's retreat from the policy of letting his people flee was puzzling in light of the stated goals of U.S. policy. Washington has long condemned the Cuban regime for refusing to let its people freely leave the country, citing the restriction as yet another form of communist political repression. Now that Castro has given in to his northern neighbor's demands, albeit at a highly strategic time in light of the Clinton Administration's simultaneous Haiti crisis, Washington has condemned the leader for using refugee warfare. As Castro pointed out in response to these criticisms, this is particularly ironic given that the United States, using refugee warfare for its own means, has been encouraging the illegal emigration of Cuban citizens by issuing only slightly over 2,000 visas for legal entry into the U.S. despite immigration quotas which allow up to 20,000 Cubans to move to the U.S. through official channels.

Apart from this seemingly paradoxical condemnation, Clinton also chose to tighten his strangle-hold on the Cuban economy by applying further restrictions against travel to the country and forbidding Cuban-Americans from sending much-needed money to family members who remain on the impoverished island. If the White House wishes to create another Haiti by further maiming Cuba's crippled economy, it is on the right course. But if it wishes to stop the desperate mass exodus of the innocent victims of the U.S. embargo, these policies are alarmingly misguided. Clinton must muster the political courage to re-examine his stance on the Cuba issue. It is obvious, even to the most vehement pro-embargo pundit, that Cubans are fleeing their homeland more because of its deepening depression than government abuses. While Fidel is no sweet-heart, he is not the source the refugee problem. The flood of refugees is the product of the U.S. embargo. Thus, the simple solution to the crisis is to lift the obsolete restrictions and allow the Cuban's access to the outside world. The Cold War is dead and with it, any security threat that Cuba might have posed to the United States. Now that we have made steps toward normalizing relations with every other communist country in the world, including China, Vietnam, and North Korea, the persisting isolation of Cuba is anachronistic and wrong. No matter what the reality about the island nation's controversial leader, whether he is a tyrant or a revolutionary hero, we must stop punishing the Cuban people for their form of government.

The United States is currently involved in historic negotiations with the Cuban government. These talks could potentially lead to a real solution to the refugee situation by fixing the cause and not just arranging the continuation of the status-quo. Instead of exhorting Castro to use inevitably repressive tactics to keep his people from risking their lives in rickety vessels, Washington must open up discussion and end the diplomatic stagnation that has produced the problem in the first place. In the new world order, there is no place for the unilateral economic warfare on which Washington has insisted.

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EXCUSE ME, DUCKS, BUT DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE STANDING RIGHT NOW?
THIS IS THE BUS STOP WHERE YETTA ADAMS DIED A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. IMAGINE, A HOMELESS WOMAN DYING RIGHT HERE— JUST ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HUD BUILDING!
12-13
THAT'S RIGHT, SIR, THIS IS THE ACTUAL BENCH ON WHICH A SICK AND NEGLECTED FELLOW HUMAN BEING SPENT HER LAST NIGHT!
WHAT IS THIS— THE DELUXE GUILT TRIP?
WHAT?... OH, NO, SORRY— I THOUGHT YOU WERE A TOURIST.
YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT A HANDOUT, LADY! I'M NOT UNDERWRITING ANY MORE SUBSTANCE ABUSE!
THAT'S NOT ME, SIR, BUT I UNDERSTAND.
I'M TIRED OF FEELING GUILTY, TIRED OF BEING HIT ON, TIRED OF WATCHING MY NEIGHBORHOOD BEING TRASHED BY VIOLENT NUT CASES AND DERELICTS!
I HEAR YOU, SIR. I FEEL YOUR PAIN.
12-14
OP A-2
SIGH... HOW MUCH NOT TO FEEL MY PAIN?
WELL, TWO BUCKS COVERS MY NUT.
ANY CHANGE, SIR? A QUARTER? NO? A DIME?
ALICE!
JINGLE! JINGLE!
12-15
HEY, DUCKS! FINALLY— ONE OF MY REGULARS!
WELL, THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT, ALICE. I KEEP READING THAT MOST OF YOU FOLKS HAVE ADDICTIONS!
SINCE I DON'T WANT TO SUPPORT DRUG ADDICTS—AND I'M NOT QUALIFIED TO RECOGNIZE THE EXCEPTIONS—I'VE DECIDED TO STOP GIVING TO STREET PEOPLE ALTOGETHER. WHAT DO YOU THINK?
UM... WELL...
OH, HEY, GOTTA GO! LET'S TOUCH BASE IN THE SPRING, OKAY?
WHAT A DAY, EL! IT'S GETTING HARDER AND HARDER JUST TO MEET EXPENSES! YOU CAN FEEL THE CHANGE OUT ON THE STREET...
USED TO BE EVERYONE SHOWED A LITTLE COMPASSION, A LITTLE CONCERN. BUT NO LONGER. THE GOLDEN AGE OF HOMELESSNESS IS OVER! GONE!
12-16
WHAT?... WE HAD OUR OWN GOLDEN AGE?
UH-HUH.
WHY WASN'T I NOTIFIED?
YOU WERE ON TOUR, DUCKS. WE COULDN'T RAISE YOU.
LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT— THERE ONCE WAS A GOLDEN AGE OF HOMELESSNESS?
SO TO SPEAK, SURE.
YOU MEAN, AT ONE TIME, GUILT RULED? COMPASSION HELD SWAY? OUR PITIFUL CONDITION CAST A SPELL?
YOU KNOW IT DID, DUCKS.
HOLD IT— ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT WE WERE ONCE ALL THE RAGE!
I GUESS I AM.
DAMN... I WISH I HAD IT ALL ON TAPE. TO SHOW AT PARTIES.
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D MISS THE '80S...
ALICE, ARE YOU SURE THE GOLDEN AGE OF HOMELESSNESS IS OVER?
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANY MOVIES ABOUT US LATELY, HAVE YOU?
12-18
ALSO, CHECK THE BOTTOM LINE! HOW GOOD IS THE PANHANDLING NOW COMPARED WITH, SAY, 1987?
AFTER INFLATION? I'LL CHECK MY FILES...
LEMME SEE... 1912... 1953... 1987! GOOD LORD... I WAS HAULING DOWN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS A DAY!
IT'S LIKE I WAS PRINTING MONEY!
YOU WERE, DUCKS. REMEMBER THAT NICE SECRET SERVICE AGENT?

Personals

Hey Lower Saranac!

I miss you all! Let's get together real soon...

-Bev

Mr. Spahn-

I heard there may be a spice retrieval tournament coming to campus. Better get the map ready.

Nikki!

Congratulations on making the tennis team! Best of luck!

-Your canoe partner

Peaches,

Hey beautiful. I hope everything is going groovy great. I miss you bunches. So does Mom. Good luck on Sunday. I'll see you soon.

-Muffin

Nancy Kerrigan-

I hope you watched Romeo and Juliet. Hope you're free this weekend.

-Your upstairs neighbor

To the girl without a name-

Thank you for all you have been doing lately. I greatly appreciate every little thing you've done. Cheers to all the wonderful times to come.

-Forever & Always....J

To **THE MAN**-

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-Your Editor-in-Chief
(and Managing Editor)

To Hunter,

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-The Editor-in-Chief again

Skippy-

Are you still glad about our meal plan decision? I had a GREAT dinner. What did you do? Hope it was better than the dining halls. What's for dinner tonight?

-P.P.

Biswas-

That finger is sure causing problems. I never thought cows could swim anyway. But your Dad could, and look what happened to him.

-Seth

Lo-

Have fun in Syracuse. and yes, this weekend.

-Me

Arts & Entertainment

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After Ellis Paul, the Acoustic Coffeehouse Fall Series still has plenty to offer:

Disappear Fear

Sonia Frank leads this quintet from Baltimore, MD, playing electric and acoustic guitars, and a "Dylanesque" harmonica. With exquisite harmonies, "...they deliver songs with a powerful angst that moves people to dance, to smile or to cry." Since the release of their third album by Rounder Records this summer, Disappear Fear has been touring to sell-out crowds across the country. Their lyrics draw from topical subjects, such as AIDS and political awakening. They have toured with the Indigo Girls who lent their vocals to two songs on the new album. "If you like the Indigo Girls (with a little more punch) you'll like Disappear Fear." For this show we will be clearing away some of the café tables in the Barn, so "...let the wild rumpus begin."

Carol Noonan

Former lead singer and co-songwriter of Knots and Crosses, Carol Noonan returns to Hamilton; this time with a brand new band. With "a voice like a steel teardrop ... her arresting vocal style is a combination of soulful blues belting and innocent folk balladry." Her commanding and passionate voice catapulted *Knots and Crosses* onto the Boston scene and to a short stint with Island Records. Their first single "Creatures of Habit," became the most requested song in the history of WBOS in Boston and their debut album was one of the twenty-five bestselling albums at Boston's Tower Records. In 1993 she won the Boston Musical Award for "outstanding female vocalist." "Carol sounds equally impressive delivering a pained whisper as an anguished throaty howl."

Ani DiFranco

"In a series of five albums over the past four years, [Buffalo native] Ani DiFranco has emerged as one of the boldest alternative artists of the '90s." Described as "a one-woman acoustic punk band," DiFranco plays one of the meanest guitars on the folk scene. "She is an in-your-face lyricist who writes songs of uncommon poetry and directness, confronting the status quo in sex, psychology, and society, and defining the discontents of her generation." Her fourth album, *Puddle Dive*, released in the spring of '93 spent 10 weeks on the CMJ college radio charts in the US and hit No. 14 among alternative rock albums in Canada. Her latest album, *Out of Range*, is fast on its way to equal success. She has become the sensation of the North American summer festivals.

Disappear Fear

Ani DiFranco

Look for "An Afternoon at the Movies" in next week's issue.

Last week!

Glass by Josh Simpson: New Work, New Worlds

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Horoscopes for the week of September 9 - 15, 1994 by Cassandra of the Cosmos

EARTH

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sept 23)
Lucky color: blood red
Lucky numbers: 5, 21, 32
You will come into some good fortune, but watch your back - one of your so-called friends will be looking in your wallet tonight. Don't give up in the romance category. You've come this far, why give up now? Ignore advice from your parents, they don't know everything.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 20)
Lucky color: sapphire
Lucky numbers: 6, 27, 22
Take advantage of your connections in the business world. Everything comes down to who you know. Take some time off and baby yourself, you've been giving to everyone and now its time to rest. Give love a second chance - you may be surprised.

Taurus (Apr 21 - May 21)
Lucky color: slate
Lucky numbers: 8, 16, 29
Ignore the friends who say you're robbing the cradle, its not worth getting upset over - just as long as you are happy. Try to get an extra hour of sleep - its the miracle cure for hangovers. Join an extracurricular activity. You may meet some one new.

FIRE

Sagittarius (Nov 23 - Dec 21)
Lucky color: burnt umber
Lucky numbers: 9, 13, 25
Give credit where it is due, but make sure you get your just reward. Be aggressive - get off your couch and make it known what you want. If you have a cold, nurse yourself back to health. There is nothing worse than going to an 8am class when you can't breathe.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Lucky color: copper
Lucky numbers: 24, 3, 18
Don't get upset if you must give up something precious; you will be rewarded later. Manage your money well because you will need it soon to finance a party. Call an old friend you haven't spoken to in a long while.

Leo (July 24 - Aug 23)
Lucky color: teracotta
Lucky numbers: 14, 26, 31
Clean your room, its a mess! Go buy a couch from the Salvation Army and make some curtains. Don't give up on a friend - he/she needs you more than ever. If anybody asks, you didn't do it and nobody saw you. Take your loved one out to brunch.

WATER

Scorpio (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
Lucky color: champagne
Lucky numbers: 1, 20, 34
Go on a road trip to clear your head. Act like you know what you are talking about even if you don't - some people are pretty gullible. Lay low in the romance department; you don't want to be too overbearing, subtle is the key. Get your work done early.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Lucky color: chocolate brown
Lucky numbers: 25, 17, 2
Don't lead him/her on - would you want some one to do that to you? Go buy a lottery ticket or go to the casino - you will be lucky this week. But make sure all of your work is done first because if it is looming over your head, you won't be able to concentrate.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)
Lucky color: maroon
Lucky numbers: 35, 28, 19
Be courageous, take some risks - why go around asking what if? Don't pay attention to criticism; its biased and totally wrong. Stay after class and ask the professor that one question you've been dying to ask. Make a ruccous so that everyone knows you are here.

AIR

Libra (Sept 24 - Oct 23)
Lucky color: sage green
Lucky numbers: 15, 7, 36
Don't splurge - save the money you were going to spend on that new JCrew shirt because one of your roommates will buy it. Procrastinate as much as possible - why do today what you could do when the weather turns yucky? Speak your mind; no one knows what you are thinking.

Aquarius (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Lucky color: florescent pink
Lucky numbers: 10, 0, 12
Spend time alone with your significant other, he/she feels ignored. Don't let the praise you've gotten go to your head - important people are watching. Financial problems will cure themselves soon. Go have a beer and relax!

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)
Lucky color: teal
Lucky numbers: 30, 4, 11
You need to focus on your work before you get more behind then you already are. Call mom - she can cure all, except for your checkbook. In the romance department - act your age! Go visit a friend at another school.

TODAY'S ANONYMOUS SUBLIMINAL SUBMISSION:
Special to anyone who understands Wir sollen alle auf dem Bronze-Plan unterbrechen jeden Samstag

Arts&Entertainment

The Spectator September 9, 1994

Marty Reichgott's short-winded

Art icle Pick

Simi Ravven '98
(A promising wanderer from Clinton to Brookline, Mass.)

Right now, I am trying to learn more about different media. My first years in high school, I did mostly painting. But now I'm getting more into photo and ceramic sculpture. Last Spring, I did an independent ceramic project; in four-and-a-half weeks, I made 100 tea bowls. I found that one of them had the balance and weight and subtle symmetry that made it feel right in my hands. To complete the project and as a sort of a completion to my years in high school, I smashed the other 99 bowls, leaving one to represent the rest.
I try to make, what I call, honest art. I believe that in art. as in life, there is no neutral view. We do not create art in a historical or personal view; to make honest art, aware art, we must strive to be aware of and to be educated about our personal and artistic/intellectual histories.

Favorite Painter: Robert Motherwell
Favorite Painting: "The Daughters of Edward T. Boit" I've seen it at the Boston Museam of Fine Arts since I was five.
Favorite Lifesaver Flavor: Butter Rum
Favorite Book: "The Quiet American" by Graham Greene
Last Movie Seen: "The Midnight Cowboy"
If I were a bird, I would fly to...where they make TANG
Grass should be orange **because...**it should be like the color of TANG
First Impressions of Hamilton: I moved here when I was five and I got to Clinton at night. I stayed in Bristol. I had a "School Bus Happy Meal." I peeled the stickers off the paper and put them on the bus.

Rubén Rivero's long-winded

Art icle Pick

Laura Engelhardt '95
(A lively, expressive German/Theatre double major from Summit, N.J)

Reason for double majoring: Not only it seemed the right thing to do at the time, but I wanted to translate a play and perform it.
Favorite music: Classic and a little bit of everything. I even learned how to dance merengue, and I have some salsa at home.
Views on German dancers: I attended free classes in Hamburg last semester, so there should be some good ones.
Aspirations as a senior: I hope to direct. I have a pile of books and excerpts from literary sources. I wish to put them together and create a play on the question of freedom and imprisonment.
Relationship with scientists: I have no hypotheses. Although I do live with scientists I am not one of them. They do labs, I have 50 books for my thesis.
On-campus residential improvements: After 1 1/2 years of Bundy, I appreciate coming back to my room in the middle of the day for one hour and do work.
On being out of Bundy: I live with horrible suitemates that try to embarrass me.
Worst at Hamilton: The way the administration tries to prevent people from learning.
Play of choice: Penthesilea.
On being abroad: I spent only six months in Germany last semester, and I had to leave when I just fit in. I met some of the most interesting people from Lebanon, Madrid, Brazil, Venezuela...
European travel experience: Prague, Munich, Berlin. While what was West Berlin looks like a modern city, only a few U-bahn stops away still look bombed like during the 1950s.
On reverse culture shock: The European Community has a different orientation. They are more open to other cultures and other people. I came back with expectations of an idealized America, as absence makes you hope that things will change for you. All is still the same, but you are different.
Noticeable campus improvements: Steinglass windows in Beinecke.
Other artistic interests: Performance arts in general, such as music and dance.
Choicest dining hall food: The stuff they can least mangle, bananas.
Book review: *The Unbearable lightness of being*, of a Czech author translated into German, who brought into question the meaning of love. He didn't have a grasp of it.
Favorite drug: Seldane, for allergies.
Least favorite drug: Sudafed. It doesn't do anything.
Least favorite color: Yellow.
Most rehearsed characters: Powerful and free ones, spinning around and exploding with life.
Dichotomy of life: I'm an idealist-cynic-pragmatist.
Favorite cartoon character: Sylvester.
Favorite radio station: National Public Radio Broadcasting.
Graduate expectations: Not flipping burgers at McDonald's. I'd rather flip them at Wendy's.
Motto: Life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

The Nudes on November 17

"When Walter Parks sings lead vocals, he soars from a rich, deep baritone to a soulful falsetto. His unusual and aggressive 'drum-strumming' guitar style enhances his jazz-flavored chords. Add Stephanie Winter's mesmerizing cello solos, resonant bass lines and refreshing vocals, and you have *The Nudes*." In 1993, the duo received a Critic's Choice review in *Billboard* which kicked off their self-released debut in December of that year. "With their upbeat instrumentals and sweet harmonies, *The Nudes* will satisfy."

Special guest Martin Sexton signed an artist development deal with Sony Music. With a unique, bluesy vocal style, he is one of the most exciting and original sounds on the comtemporary folk scene. Martin is also featured on Ellis Paul's most recent recording.

Thr Nudes and Sexton will come as part of this Fall's Acoustic Coffeehouse Series.

The Nudes

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Calendar & Movies

9 *Friday*

10 *Saturday*

11 *Sunday*

11:30 **Community Church** (Protes tant). Janna J. Roche,Chaplain. Root Glen (Rain site: Chapel)
1:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
2:00 **Historical Tour of the College by William J. Ferguson.** Meet at the Chapel.

12 *Monday*

10:00 **Conversations with President Gene Tobin.** Beinecke Village.
4:00 **Lecture-Demonstration of the Tadashi Suzuki and Anne Bogar performance and training methods.** Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.
7:30 **Lecture.** "A Fruitful Feud of Hers and His: Barrett Browning, Swinburne and Hermaphroditus." Dorothy Mermin, Cornell University. Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.

13 *Tuesday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
5:30 **Chinese Table.** Room 104 McEwen.

14 *Wednesday*

7:00 **Kol Nidre Service.** Chapel.
8:30 **Administrators' Meeting.** Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.

15 *Thursday*

10:00 **YomKippur Day Service.** Chapel.
6:30 **Hillel Break Fast.** Azel Backus House.

Only you can prevent forest fires. That's right, you, the one wearing something from a catalog.

MOVIES

Sangertown 797-2121

Milk Money 12:50 3:50 7:10 9:45
Forest Gump 12:20 3:20 6:30 9:30
Natural Born Killer 1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00
Corina, Corina 12:40 3:40 6:40 9:40
Clear and Present Danger 12:30 3:30 6:35 9:35
The Lion King 12:00 2:10 4:20 6:45 8:45
The Mask 12:15 4:10 7:15 9:25
Camp Nowhere 1:10 4:30 7:20 9:20
In The Army Now 12:10 3:45
Color of Night 6:50 9:50

Up Town 797-0020

True Lies 7:00 9:45
Color of Night 8:30
In The Army Now 7:00 9:30

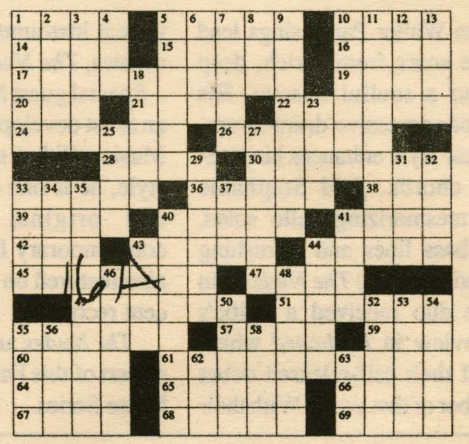
On Campus

No listing available.

Matinees are for weekends only.
Clinton Cinema has only Saturday matinees

Weekly Crossword

" Sports & Leisure Trivia" By Gerry Frey



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1 *Greg Norman's sport*
5 Found the sum
10 Superlative endings
14 Capital of Western Samoa
15 N.Y.'s Governor
16 Proof reader's word
17 *Expensive pipe*
19 Edible root
20 Sea eagle
21 "____ For Life"
22 Roma's country
24 Talks disrespectfully
26 Legislative branch
28 "____ of March"
30 Bachelor, e.g.:2 Wds.
33 Floating platforms
36 Fruits of the apple family
38 Mimic
39 4840 square yards
40 Van Gogh locale
41 Tiny bit
42 Observe
43 Smile scornfully
44 Belief
45 Chair
47 *Jazz singing*
49 Meager
51 "_____, one vote"
55 Train performance:2 words
57 Oaf
59 Exist
60 Mr. Axton
61 *Gives you the ups and downs*
64 African river
65 Entire
66 Oklahoma city
67 Prospectors' finds
68 French river
69 Poor grades

DOWN
1 *Competitive pastimes*
2 Musical drama
3 Legal claims
4 Distant
5 Indict
6 Unintelligent murmurs
7 Adores:Var.
8 Ostrich relative
9 *Blocking game*
10 Manor
11 *Chess term*
12 Ms. Garr
13 Greek portico
18 *Winter vehicles*
23 Colors
25 Location
27 Messrs. Fudd & Gantry
29 Binges
31 Footless
32 Jules Vernes captain
33 Coarse file
34 Maple genus
35 *Swimming event*
37 *Madrid cheer*
40 *Indy 500 star*
41 Comedian Johnson
43 Thailand predecessor
44 Poem division
46 Treats insultingly
48 Link together
50 Excite
52 Pine tree State
53 *Mr. Palmer*
54 Necessities
55 Disappointing words
56 *Pinot ____:Wine_*
58 *Bridge czar*
62 Rosalyn to her friends
63 Guided

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Hamilton football hopes to improve upon last year's record of 1-7 with its new players and dedication

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perience," said Frank.

Should DeBlois falter, fellow second-year man Paul Bopp will be eagerly awaiting his chance to show his abilities. Bopp missed much of last season with a torn chest muscle, limiting his development. He boasts a strong arm and good size, and will get a long look for the job. Rookies Matt Klumpp, Tom Fusonie, and David Clausen could also factor in the decision.

"Our quarterback needs to be a leader," Frank said. "With as young a team as we will have, he needs to be a calming influence, and, most of all, he needs to perform."

Running Backs

Frank feels the Continentals have one of the best backfield combinations in the NESCAC with tailbacks Mike Rahmer and Scott Milleisen. Milleisen was the most surprise last season, leading the team in rushing as a freshman with 475 yards and twice earning ECAC and NESCAC Rookie-of-the-Week honors. When Milleisen battled injuries that limited his playing his playing time in the last three games of the year, Rahmer stepped in and averaged 106 yards per game. While Frank doesn't anticipate radical changes to Hamilton's offensive scheme, he said some adjustmnets could be made to get both backs on the field at the same time.

The fullback position is up for grabs, and the leading candidates are sophmores Ben McClellan and Adam Hodges. Both saw limited action as rookies but have impressed the coaches with blocking abilities.

Receivers

Graduation claimed two of the school's best receivers ever in Jason Nissen and Dan Spitzen. Spitzen finished third in all-time receptions with 86 in four years while Nissen set the single-season reception mark with 46 last year. Three players lead the cast of hopefuls vying for the wideout positions. Sophmore Ben Johnson played a limited amount as a freshman and caught one pass, but has the size and the hands to make an impact. Fellow second-year man Scott Jones saw primarily kickoff return duty last year and has breakaway speed. Junior Sean Fisher is a possession-type receiver who adds some experience to the position. Senior Rob Hatch is a versatile player who will line up as either a running back or a wideout, and has good hands and speed.

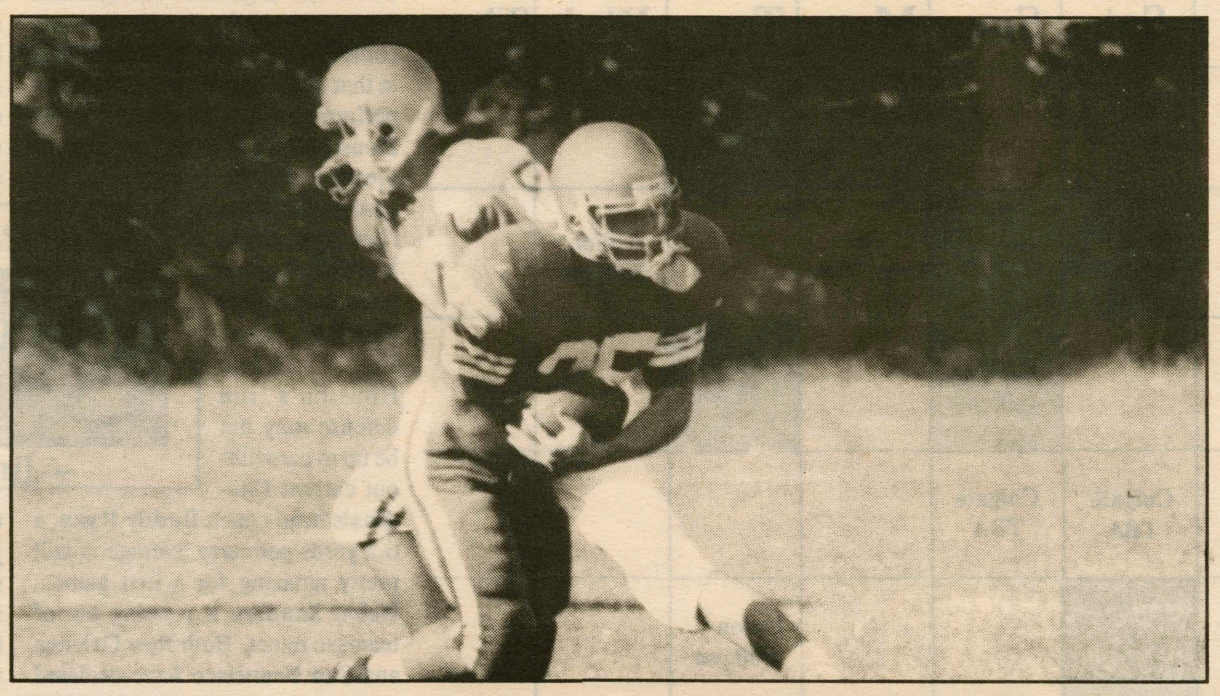


PHOTO BY ALICIA WHITE DAVIS

The football squad's prosect for success rides greatly on the young players.

Senior captain John Fitzpatrick is a three-year starter at tight end and is coming off his most productive season as a receiver. His backup will be sophmore Aaron Schwimmer, who played sparingly as a freshman.

Offensive Line

The look of the Continental offensive line will be much different in 1994 than it was in 1993. Last year's line averaged just over 225 pounds per man, and often found itself facing larger, fresher foes by the fourth quarter. This year, Frank recognized the need for increased size and depth.

The anchor of the offensive line is sophmore Ron Mammano. Mammano, nicknamed "Big Mama," started all eight games over the ball as a rookie. His size and work ethic should make him a fixture on the line for the next three seasons. Senior Rick Johnson is a returning starter who is slated to switch from left tackle to one of the guard spots this season. Returning starter Eric Klein is the probable starter at right tackle, with 325-pound sophmore Jeff Michael hoping to unseat him. Sophmore Ken Sommers was impressive as a rookie and enters camp as the starter at right guard.

The picture becomes unclear when you factor in the talented class of rookies expected in the camp this season. One or more of the first-year players could find themselves playing an important role in the Continental attack. Frank and his staff are especially high on 6'5, 315-pound Mark Bonavita who might have a chance to start this season at left tackle. James Eisenberg brings similar size and strength and is slated for the right tackle spot. Other newcomers who could see include Ray Forslund and Paul Dowd.

Defensive Line

The defensive line will also benefit from additional size and talent. Senior Joe Simmel is small but quick, and will gain the most from having some extra size in the middle. Seniors Erik Coleman and Larry Carbonaro will lead the battle for the other tackle spot. Sophomore Ryan Gragen added some size in the off-season and will move from linebacker to a tackle spot along with sophmore Duane Wallick. Freshmen Dave Sklar, Mark Burlingame, Mike Velasquez, Dan Sheridan, and Zack DeQuattro will all be competing for time at the tackle spots. Frank feels his defensive ends could shine this season with the increased support from inside. Rich Sullivan, Jason March, and Tom Farren are all seniors with extensive game experience and combined for eight sacks last season. They will be expected to pressure the opposing quarterback even more this year. Sophmore Joshua Roy and rookie Andrew Eakin are expected to push for time at one of the end spots.

Linebackers

The strength of the Hamilton defense lies in the middle, where senior captains Mark Melnitsky and Ron Martucci roam. The pair of inside linebackers finished first and second, respectively, in tackles a year ago and could be even more fearsome with the increased support from the linemen. Junior Jonathan Ward, sophmores Ed McDevitt and Greg Moscatel and freshman Frank Loverro will spell Martucci and Melnitsky as reserves.

On the outside, senior Rob MacGilvray returns as the starter from last season, but will be pushed by fellow senior Rob Young. Sophmore Bob Nichols has been moved into the rover position from cornerback. Classmate Mauricio Ramirez is a big hitter and could end up at one of the outside spots.

Secondary

The defensive backfield has lots of talent but little game experience. Junior cornerback Jeff Holden is the only expected starter with more than one season as a defensive back under his belt. Seniors Gregg Feighan and Charlie Andruss moved from from offense to defense last year and spent most of the season learning their new positions. Both have made improvements and are expected to battle for the free safety spot. Sophomore Mike Sacino may be the fastest player on the Hamilton squad, and will get a long look at the other cornerback position. Fellow second-year man Russell Zacek missed his freshman year with mononucleosis but is back at full strength and expected to contribute. Freshman Adam Moscatel will also get a long look in camp.

Kicking Game

Holden has one of the strongest placekicking legs in NESCAC, despite an off season in 1993. He did not adjust well to the rigors of playing cornerback and kicking last season, but should be much better this season with the added experience. Junior Matt Roventin is slated to handle the punting duties, with rookie David Clausen also a candidate for the job.

Hopefully, this year's Buff and Blue will be able to fill in the gaps created by the loss of twelve graduates from last May and improve their 1-7 record from a year ago. This Saturday they hit Steuben Field for a intra-squad game at 2:00 p.m., and then next Saturday, Sept. 17, they will be scrimmaging against Amherst College, which will also be at Steuben Field.

Courtesy of Communications and Development.

Women's Cross Country to begin their season

By Damaris Lakshmanan '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Women's Cross Coutry team springs into action this Saturday with enthusiasm to top last year's season. Although the team ran a 7-1 dual meet record and finished seventh out of 23 teams at the NCAA Division III Regionals, they fell short of their goal which was to compete at the national championships.

Ellen Hull, the team's coach, sees a definite improvement in her young team. The team graduated one senior last year, Kathleen Cunniff, who was the team's leading runner. Hull hopes the incomming first years will fill her void

Gladly the team reports only one serious injury, for Brenda McCabe '97 came in with a knee injury from the summer. She is a missing component to the continuing improvement of the team. McCabe had a major breakthrough last track season when she was able to shed seconds off her time, which predicts an improvement in her 1994 cross country season. Thankfully, it is speculated that she will only miss a couple of weeks.

This year there are two sophomores, five juniors and two seniors; Stephanie Taylor and Julie Wolfe, Wolfe spent last year abroad.

The returning runners have been given fair competition by the addition of 10 first year women. Coach Hull is impressed by the large number of first years and believes they are a good group of runners who will contribute to the team. Because many competitors shine in the meets, Hull cautiously says, "I won't know until Saturday (the team's first meet) how they will perform."

The Women's Cross Country team's first meet of the season will be at Hamilton, Saturday, September 10, at 1:00 pm. Hamilton is hosting Mohawk Valley Community College, Ithaca (men only), and the Universitgy of Rochester.

Rochester is ranked sixth among New York State Division III teams.. Hamilton, hoping to improve, stands in eighth place. Hull is optimistic in looking towards the meet. For the past two years Hamilton has beaten Rochester, and hopes to improve their standings by beating them again on September 10.

INTRAMURAL WEEKLY REPORT

Welcome back to the Hill. As a way to keep you informed on the intramural sports being offered this semester, we have decided to keep a small information box in the weekly Spectator. In this box you will find the information needed to get an intramural team for any of the fall sports. The following is a listing of the sports offered this fall:

Sport	Entries Due	Starting Date	Classification	Commissioner
Golf	Sept. 12	Sept. 14	Open	Joe Iourno x0615
Football	Sept. 16	Sept. 20	Coed (A & B)	Mike Cavotta x4887
Men's Lacrosse	Sept. 16	Started	Men	Martin Hilfinger x4818
Women's Lacrosse	Sept. 16	Sept. 20	Women	Gail Szakacs x1352
Soccer	Sept. 16	Sept. 20	Coed	Martin Reichgott x0686
Women's B-ball	Sept. 23	Sept. 26	Women	Stacey Hanna
Volleyball	Late September ——→		Coed	

To join a sport, any individual or team must contact either the commissioner or Ann Haggerty (x4806), Intramural Faculty Supervisor, by the entry due date. You can either call them or drop them a note through campus mail. Team rosters can be obtained from dorm representatives or through the athletics office. All rosters for team sports must be accompanied by a $10 forfeit fee. Golf requires a $5 forfeit fee. Rosters will not be processed without the forfeit fee. Remember individuals can sign up to play a team sport without signing up with a team. Those people who sign up individually will be placed onto a team. Anyone interested in becoming a commissioner for a winter or spring sport, should contact me immediately at x0616. Anyone that has any questions regarding the intramural program can also contact me at this number. I hope to see many of you out on the intramural fields. Intramurals are all the fun and excitement of varsity sports without practice.

SpectatorSports

The Spectator September 9, 1994

This Week in Hamilton Sports

Sport	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.
Men's Soccer					Union 3:30 pm		
Women's Tennis		Nazareth 12:00 nooon	St. Lawrence 2:00 pm			Union 3:30 pm	
Women's Soccer			Amherst 2:00 pm		Oswego 4:30 pm		
Men's Golf		Colgate TBA	Colgate TBA				
Field Hockey		William Smith 1:00 pm			Union 4:00 pm		
Volleyball		Skidmore Tourna-ment 9:00 am					
X-Country							

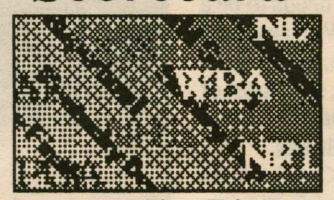
Indicates Home Game

Indicates Away Game

Air McNair: Future First-rounder?

NFL: Many people wondered whether **Marshall Faulk** was anywhere near as good his college stats. Many thought that it was the weak conference San Diego State played in that made him look so good. His performance for the **Colts** against **Houston** gives the very strong impression that he is for real. 143 yards on 23 carries and three touchdowns is as good an opener as could be hoped for. While Houston's run defense may not be up to par without current **Cardinals** head coach **Buddy Ryan**, a 6.2 yards per carry average is still pretty amazing for a first game... **Deion Sanders** is running out of teams to reject. Both **New Orleans** and **San Francisco** have declared that they are out of the Sanders hunt. I know that Deion wants to get all the money he feels he deserves, but if he doesn't watch his step, he won't be getting paid or playing for anyone... How about **Jerry Rice's** great performance on Monday to break the all-time career touchdown record? Tying the record on a rushing attempt was somewhat ironic for one of the greatest receivers ever to play the game, but at least the touchdown that broke the record was on a catch where he went over two defenders and powered his way into the end zone. A fitting way to break the record. One question though: why did he all of a sudden shave his head? Is this some new NFL fad? Just wondering... After watching "Monday Night Football," I remembered why I think **Dan Dierdorf** is probably the worst NFL color commentator outside of **Joe Namath**. He goes long periods of time without saying anything, when he does speak, he points out the most obvious of points to anyone who can see the game and his jokes are terrible. And this man is considered one of the best in the business. I'm still trying to figure out what that business may be... Much like the rest of the football fans of the world, I like the fact that there are more kickoff returns because of the one inch tee. I will also admit, however, that much like the rest of the fans, I will be the first one complaining when one of the returners gets demolished because he was forced to run a kickoff back... Last week, I gave the **Rams** a lot of credit for releasing suspected drug dealing cornerback (he's suspected of being a drug dealer; they know he is a cornerback) **Darryl Henley**. Now, after it was ruled that he could travel with the team, the Rams have reportedly resigned him to a contract. All the good things I said about them last week have gone out the window; it has become obvious that morals take a back seat to winning football games. Like they're going to win more than six anyway... The most interesting game of the week has to be the **New England-Buffalo** game. This could show whether the Bills are as bad as they looked last week and whether the Patriots, even though they lost, are as good as they showed. If both hold true, we could see the Pats absolutely obliterate the Bills, proving that the AFC East is up for grabs... The game I surprisingly care the least about is the **San Francisco-Kansas City** game. Even though it is the first time **Joe Montana** will face the Niners, it doesn't interest me. It will when they meet in the Super Bowl in late January.

Scorecard



---Jim D'Aleo

MLB: What a coincidence that the owners and players began to talk just as the deadline for cancelling the season approached. At the time this is being written, a settlement has not been reached. My guess is that one will be. We are talking about a lot of money; too much for even the owners and players to let go...

NHL: I hope that the hockey owners are paying close attention to what is going on in Major League Baseball. Baseball will probably be able to recover from a job action, even if they cancel the playoffs. Hockey, with not as much history and a much smaller fan base, will destroy what they have built up in the past decade. A lockout at this time will make the value of an NHL franchise almost nil...

NCAA: **Steve McNair**, quarterback for Division I-AA **Alcorn State**, threw for 534 yards and five touchdowns on Saturday. In addition to that, he ran for 99 yards and another touchdown. I know that the competition is not some of the greatest in college football, but I can already see him going in the first round of the draft...

U.S. OPEN TENNIS: The best about tennis this week came from Tom Weir of *USA Today* about **Andre Agassi**: "Either shave that beard or grow it. Make a decision. The four-day-shadow look went out with Don Johnson." More commentary like that is needed, especially for that noted whiner. I think he's still complaining about the music between points at the Volvo Tournament in New Haven. Seriously though, Agassi is playing pretty well this tournament... Mark my words. I don't care how good **Gabby Sabatini** or **Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario** are playing, **Steffi Graf** will win this tournament. She is by far the most dominating player in either men's or women's tennis right now.

MISCELLANEOUS: A survey performed by the marketing and public research firm of Roper Starch found that 87% of the people polled believed that professional athletes are overpaid. Now there's a revelation. What's hard to believe is that someone probably paid these geniuses to go out and ask these questions. Anyone with an IQ in double digits could figure this one out with no problems...

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Houston at Dallas 9/11	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Denver at NY Jets 9/11	NY Jets	Denver	Denver	NY Jets	NY Jets
Pittsburgh at Cleveland 9/11	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Cleveland
Buffalo at New England 9/11	New England	New England	Buffalo	New England	New England
NCAA					
Nebraska at Texas Tech. 9/8	Nebraska	Nebraska	Huskers	Nebraska	Nebraska
North Texas at SW Missouri St. 9/10	SW Missouri St.	SW Missouri St.	SW Missouri St.	North Texas	North Texas
Notre Dame at Michigan 9/10	Michigan	Notre Dame	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan
Penn State at Southern Cal. 9/10	Penn State	Penn State	Southern Cal.	Penn State	Penn State
Tennessee at Georgia 9/10	Georgia	Tennessee	Georgia	Tennessee	Tennessee
Stanford at Northwestern 9/10	Stanford	Stanford	Northwestern	Stanford	Northwestern

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THE ENDURING SPIRIT OF CREW

By Jason Andris '96 and Jim Morehead '95
CREW CAPTAINS AND COACHES

After coming off a very successful season last year, the Hamilton College Crew Team eagerly awaits this Fall's regattas. Under the coaching and leadership of Jim Morehead '95 and Jason Andris '96, the team has stuck to the long-standing precedent of working hard and playing hard. This Fall, Hamilton Crew is proud to represent 3.75% of Hamilton College's student population; in other words, 60 members.

After eleven years of leaving boats and equipment open to vandals and the elements, the crew team will finally have a place to call home. With help from the city of Rome, construction crews are currently moving in to create Hamilton Crew's long-awaited boathouse. The structure will be located at the same site where the team has been rowing for four years, 15 minutes from Hamilton on the attractive banks of the Erie "Barge" Canal in Rome.

The month of October will bring excitement and anxiety as all three of Hamilton's (3 mile) races will occur during the last three weekends of October. First, the team will travel with their parents to Schenectady where the Head of the Mohawk awaits them on Parents Weekend. The following weekend, experienced rowers will travel to Boston to compete in one of the world's premiere rowing events, the Head of the Charles. Hamilton has not sent a boat to this race in over four years. The climax of the Autumn racing season will be the Head of the Fish in Saratoga Springs where Hamilton surprised many crews last season, including Williams, Hobart, Middlebury, and Union, by defeating them with some of the best times in Hamilton Crew history.

Spirit and morale, the trademarks of Hamilton Crew, will carry on through the return of varsity rowers, Laura Congdon '95, Leandre Waldo '97, Marcus Johnson '97, Lloyd Dahmen '97, and Josh Blum '97, and through the return of experienced coxswains, Gavin Barber '96 and Anne McIndoe '97. To build on Hamilton's ever-growing program, experienced first-year rowers, Dave Kruse, Matt Damseaux, and Julie Matheson, have joined with enthusiasm. And of course, admiration goes out to the entire team who is currently enduring early season training and anxiously awaiting their impending time on the water.

Hamilton names Ann Haggerty head women's soccer coach

Hamilton College director of athletics Tom Murphy named Ann Haggerty as the Continentals' head women's soccer coach on August 3. Haggerty replaces Laurie Whitsel, who resigned after three seasons to pursue an advanced degree at Syracuse University.

Haggerty, a 1993 graduate of William Smith College, came to the Hill after spending one season as an assistant soccer and basketball coach at her alma mater. While a student, she was a three-time All-American forward in soccer and helped the Herons to the 1988 NCAA Dicision II title. She also played four seasons of basketball, and was an All-NYSWCAA forward as a junior before injuring her knee as a senior.

The Continentals will be looking to continue the steady improvement seen over the last two seasons. Last year, the Buff and Blue finished 5-8-1, including a 2-1 win over state-ranked Skidmore and a 1-1 tie with unbeaten St. Lawrence. Hamilton welcomes coach Haggerty to the hill and wishes her the best of luck.

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Coach Ann Haggerty begins her tenure at Hamilton in full stride.

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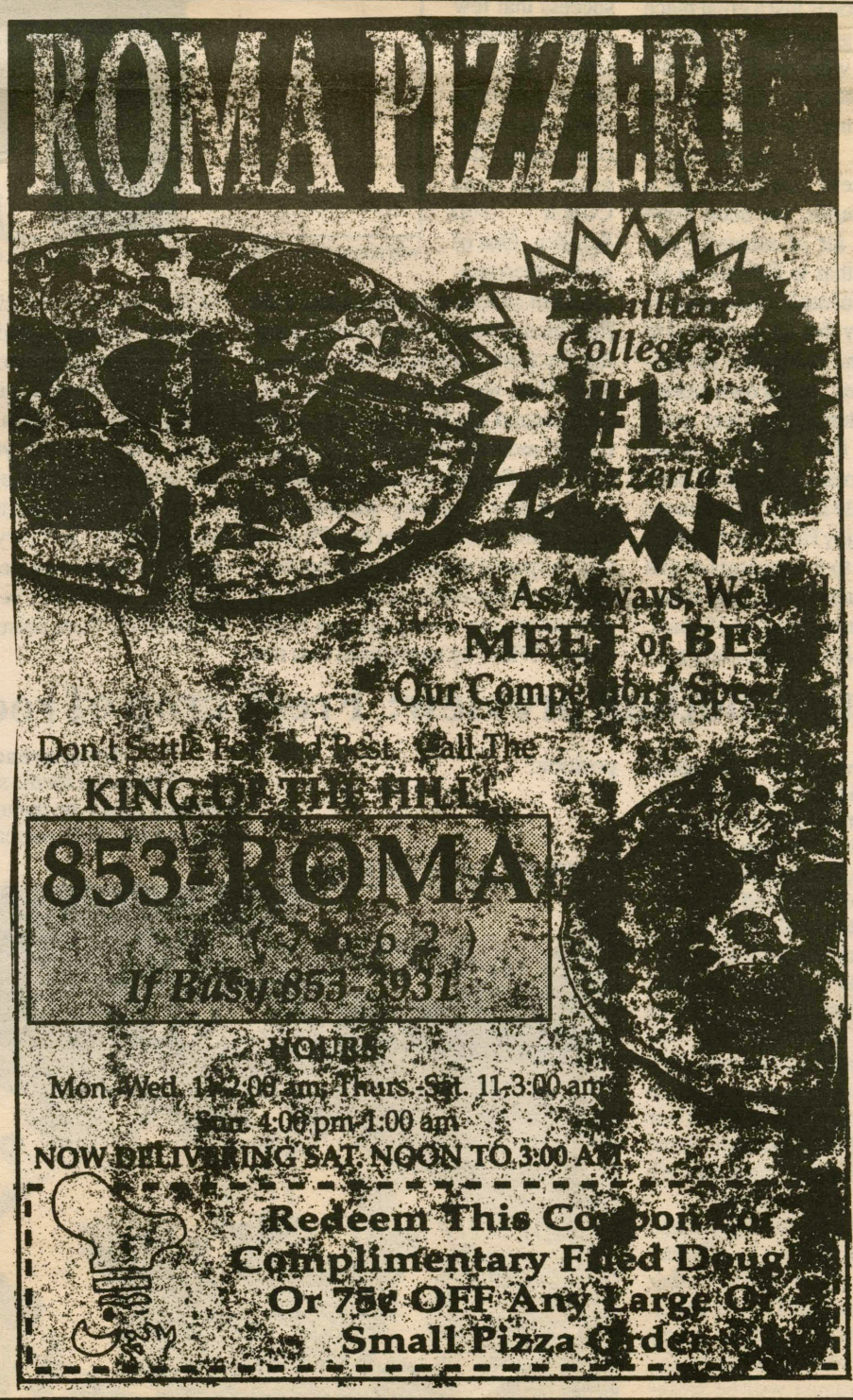

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Coach von Schiller celebrates his 35th season, the longest streak in the nation

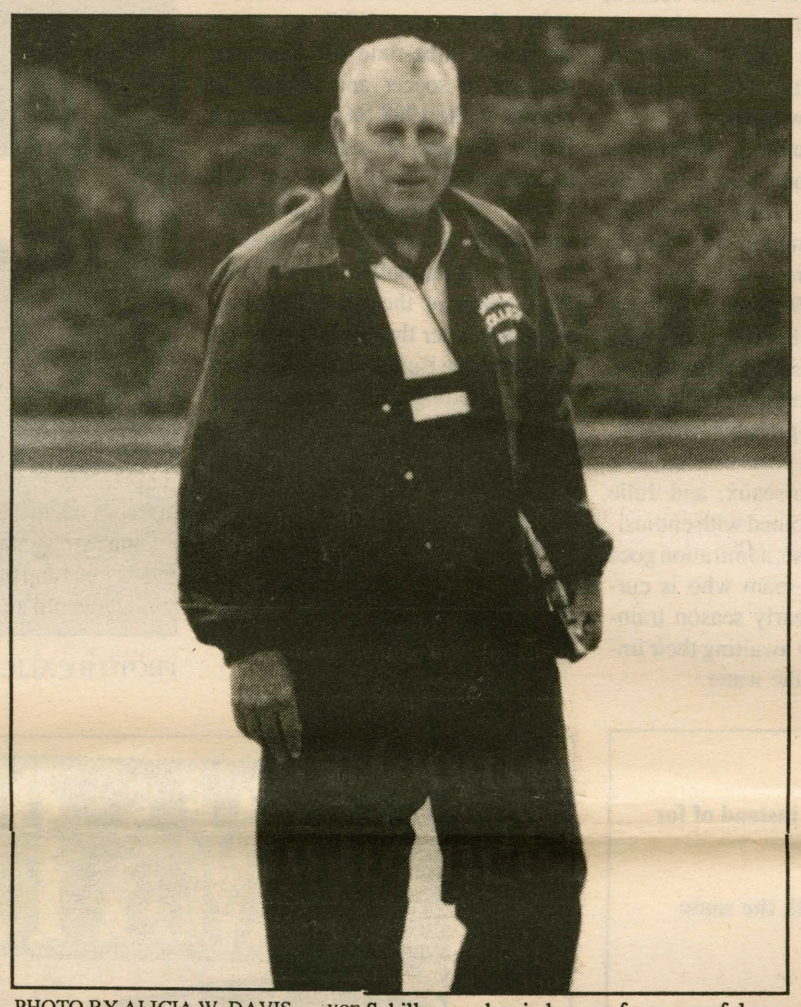
By Mark Lilienthal '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

This is a special autumn. Manfred von Schiller, coach of Hamilton's soccer and lacrosse teams, embarks on his 35th consecutive year of coaching, the longest streak among soccer coaches in the nation. This following chronicle's Coach von Schiller's past, his present, and his future here at Hamilton. His notable achievement deserves the recognition and respect of everyone associated with Hamilton College.

Coach von Schiller arrived at Hamilton at the age of 29. Fresh out of the service with a college degree, he entered into the world of coaching. He has never left that arena. While his dedication and service to this school may be hyped by others, Coach von Schiller continually downplays his commitment to the Hill. Simply put, coaching is an essential aspect of his life. When asked why he stays at Hamilton year after year, he replies in characteristically mellow fashion, "I could never ever picture myself being somewhere else." "Hamilton is just a great place for me. It's a great place to work." When talking with the Coach, one cannot help but notice his pleasant temperament, mild personality, and kind manners. One might expect him to be austere, but in fact, he is gentle and genuine. He does, however, have an air of intensity surrounding him that is difficult to ignore. His love of athletics is obvious and noteworthy, but he is the first to point out that he is here for the athletes themselves. In his own words, Hamilton students are "just good people." It is these kinds of statements and outlooks that make Coach von Schiller able to stay at and, more importantly, enjoy Hamilton College. His dedication to the students of this school is the most notable and intangible accomplishment of his 35 years.

But he is also an extremely successful coach. Since his arrival, he has gone 196-142-48 on the soccer field, an excellent record for any coach, but especially for a Division III coach and mentor. Coach von Schiller's success at Hamilton is virtually untouchable. He has been to the ECAC playoffs numerous times, most recently in 1986. His teams reached the ECAC semi-finals in 1978 and 1981. In 1986, the squad lost to Ithaca in the finals of the ECAC tournament, but in 1979, his team won the title. Talking to Coach von Schiller about his championship season is very enjoyable. A twinkle comes into his eyes, a sparkle that conveys a happiness and success that few of us can understand. But it's the way he talks about that season that really depicts the true Coach von Schiller. One of his happiest moments in coaching as the moment the final buzzer sounded that season, leaving the Continentals ECAC champions. "Just watching those kids, running around the field with joy, is the type of moment that makes coaching special. Seeing their happiness is what makes coaching worthwhile." He continued to say that his '79 team was "a special team who won because of a lot of heart and hard work." Those very words are what guide his teams today. While he recognizes that one cannot teach heart, he makes sure that his teams work hard. He does not know of any other way to achieve success in athletics.

Last year's squad went 6-5-3, their fifth consecutive winning record. Coach von Schiller is proud



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von Schiller coaches in hopes of a successful season. He claims that he stays motivated to coach because of some advice a dean gave him upon his arrival at Hamilton. The Dean told him that if he wanted to stay and coach at Hamilton for a long period of time, then he needed to do something different during the summer. So, while other coaches went to work at athletic camps during the summer, Coach von Schiller spent the summer after his inaugural year at Hamilton working construction. By getting away from athletics for the summer, he can continually look forward to each fall. "By the time summer's over, I'm all excited to start coaching again," claims the aspired coach. That he is still at the place of his first employment is remarkable, but that he loves it so dearly after 35 years is nothing short of astounding. In his own words "I'm still having fun. Fun is a very very important aspect to players and coaches alike."

of last season's record, but is also quick to defend it. He claims that the team played better soccer than the previous season, but made a few costly mistakes when it mattered most. He hopes this year's returning athletes will be able to learn from last season's mistakes. Coach von Schiller is "very optimistic about the upcoming year. If we are healthy, we should be good. Our captains are three outstanding players. We should be strong in the goal and at the captains' positions." He cites one weakness that he believes the team can overcome. "In the fullback area we do not have the experience we've had in previous years. But by game time, we should be all set in that area. Our season hopes hinge on good defense." The team opens at home against Union on Tuesday, September 13 at 3:30PM on Love Field.

Talking with Coach von Schiller about his history at Hamilton is exciting because of his marked enthusiasm and dedication to the athletes and the program. When asked to pick a favorite year or defining moment in his career, Coach von Schiller simply smiled and said "Every year is a favorite year. Every year, super stuff happens." Remarkably, his love for coaching has not waned since his arrival.

Reflecting on the changes soccer has gone through since the beginning of his formidable tenure at Hamilton, Coach von Schiller simply states that "the formations of the game have changed. We've always had great players, but just not as many as we do today." When pressed, he attributes this increase in quality to a growing popularity of the sport. The Coach is impressed by the number of quality players he has seen go through the program, and he is visibly excited by the continual increase in the caliber of his players.

Finally, Coach von Schiller addressed his future in coaching. He says that he would like to stay at Hamilton for "hopefully a few more years. As long as I'm healthy." A vague answer that somewhat hides his true emotions. Leaning forward in his chair and lowering his voice in a secretive manner, he confessed his true feelings on his future at Hamilton College. "I'd like to coach until I'm 100 years old." His statement is perhaps the best testament to his dedication and adoration of his profession. Clearly, we, as Hamilton students, are lucky to have a man like Manfred von Schiller as part of our college experience. We can all learn from his temperament, his dedication, and his passion. Congratulations, Coach von Schiller. May you be happy coaching for the rest of time.

Hamilton football preview: Fresh crop of rookies provide needed depth to the squad

When Steve Frank talks about the 1993 Hamilton football season, his disappointment at the Continentals 1-7 record is obvious. Just as clear, however, is his belief that the Continentals will rebound in 1994.

"We will definitely be a bigger, stronger, more skilled football team," noted Hamilton's 10th year head coach. "One of our biggest problems last year was lack of depth. We outplayed three teams last year only to lose in the fourth quarter because our starters weren't as fresh as our opponents. This year, we have enough big, strong players that we shouldn't have that problem."

The fate of this Hamilton squad depends upon how fast a very young team matures and develops what Frank sees as tremendous potential. He estimates that 75 of the nearly 100 players who reported to training camp in late August will be freshmen or sophmores. Here's a look at how the Continentals break down by position:

Quarterback

The battle for the starting quarterback could be the most interesting contest of the preseason. Sophomore Dan DeBlois enters camp at the top of the depth chart after a rocky freshman year. DeBlois held the starting position for three gamesas a rookie, but was plagued by ill-timed interceptions and difficulty reading coverages. Still, he showed a strong arm, good speed and the kind of gutsy, never-say-die mentality that coaches love to see in a quarterback.

"It's hard for a freshman quarterback to come in and play right away, so we're looking forward to having Danny in with a year's ex

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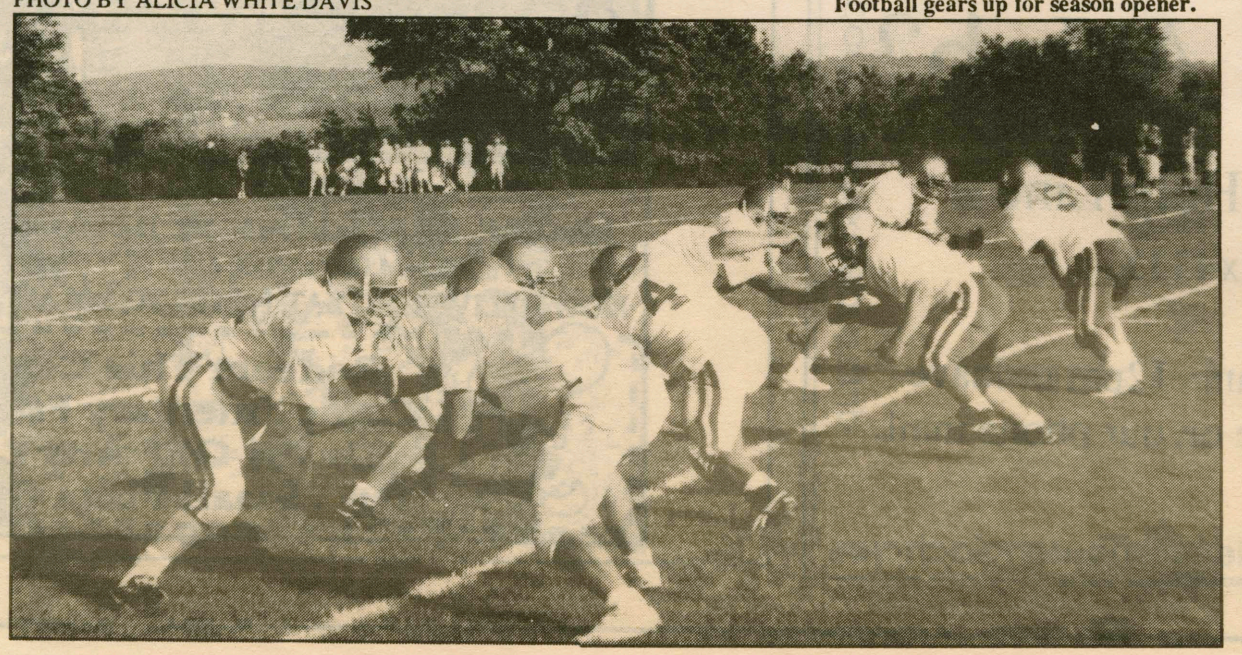

Football gears up for season opener.

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